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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Aggressive Defence Needed

HIS Excellency the Governor last week made a most opportune plea for Hongkong to assert itself, reply vigorously to its many ill-informed and misinformed critics, and let the world beyond our own narrow borders know about the Colony's achievements. The dangerous alternative is to let our case go by default.

It is not suggested that the whole of Hongkong's industrial and commercial community merits a Caesar's Wife rating. There have been regrettable cases of merchandising under false pretences; of violating business ethics as well as the law. But these have been few and far between and action taken against the culprits has been swift and effective.

They have, nonetheless, been used by jealous competitors outside of Hongkong to bolster allegations of wholesale offences against Imperial Preference regulations — accusations which are without any substance. And now a very curious case has arisen. Last week a Director of the British Hosiery Manufacturers Association was quoted as saying that the Association had to do something about stopping Japanese-made woollen gloves going to England through Hongkong's back door and marked Empire made. When this statement was challenged, he immediately denied making it.

THIS is not good enough. Obviously somebody uttered the remarks in public, and Hongkong's name is not vindicated merely by one person declaring they were not to be attributed to him. This is a case calling for "aggressive defence" on the part of Hongkong, and it is encouraging to observe that the General Chamber of Commerce, through its London agents, the China Association, is pursuing the matter as a parallel to the investigations initiated by Government.

Hongkong is the party principally injured, but the British Hosiery Manufacturers Association must also feel aggrieved about the unauthorised use of its name in the levelling of a wild and unfounded accusation. It is high time an example was made of people who obtain publicity for scurrilous allegations behind a cloak of anonymity, and we trust both Government, through its London Office, and the Chamber of Commerce, through the China Association, will continue vigorously to prosecute investigations and be in a position publicly to reveal and denounce the perpetrator of a baseless charge uttered in the name of the biggest representative organisation of British hosiery manufacturers.

Arthur Deakin

BRITISH trade unionism can ill afford to lose a man like Arthur Deakin. With his tragically sudden death the movement has been deprived not only of a vital personality, but a leader and administrator of unsurpassed ability and integrity. Arthur Deakin fought many a good and clean fight in the cause of British trade unionism, but none was more important than his campaign to rid the unions of Communist influence. And before he died he achieved a remarkable measure of success in this direction. He never sacrificed a single principle of trade unionism, yet as a negotiator, and very often conciliator in industrial disputes, he remained unrivalled. It will not be easy for British trade unionism to find another Arthur Deakin.

Preparing Austrian State Treaty

Fine Progress Made

Vienna, May 2.

Representatives of the four great powers and Austria appeared today to have made great strides in their first day's work on completing details of a draft state treaty for Austria. A communique said "notable progress" was made.

Both before and after the four and a half hour session, all delegates appeared cheerful and confident.

Officials taking part in the conference said Dr Figl and the ambassadors of Britain, France, Russia and the United States had discussed the preamble and the first 15 of the treaty's 59 articles.

They had agreed to drop three articles. These were No. 6 dealing with the naturalisation of Germans in Austria; No. 11 on the treatment and apprehension of war criminals; and No. 13, on Austria's acceptance of arrangements for the liquidation of the League of Nations and the Permanent Court of Justice.

PHRASE DELETED

On the suggestion of the Austrians, led by Dr Leopold Figl, the foreign ministers of the four great powers also agreed to drop a phrase from the preamble which laid certain responsibilities on Austria for taking part in the last war.

A communique after the talks said: "the conference began to consider those articles of the treaty upon which any delegation had observations to offer. Notable progress was made."

The treaty under discussion is the one which foreign ministers of the Big Four began drafting in 1947. The Russians refer to it as the 1949 treaty since it was in that year that they dropped support of Yugoslavia's territorial claim against Austria.

Mr Llewelyn E. Thompson, United States Ambassador, was chairman at today's meeting.—Reuter.

Doctor Attacked By Youths

Tunis, May 2.

Three youths described as Europeans tonight attacked 85-year-old Dr Burnet in his home here, fracturing his skull with a hail of blows and leaving him lying in a pool of blood.

The doctor, who is a former Director of the Pasteur Institute, was rushed to hospital. His condition was described as "grave."

He is a member of the Franco-Tunisian Committee for Friendship and Co-operation.

The former Secretary-General of the School of Advanced Studies here, Mr Pignon, who is also a member of the same committee, escaped from attackers by barricading himself in his house.

Mr Seydoux, the French delegate at the French Residency, expressed to Madame Burnet the sympathy of the authorities for the attack on her husband and afterwards visited the doctor in hospital.

The Franco-Tunisian committee of which both Mr Pignon and Dr Burnet are members is pledged to work for reconciliation among the various elements of the population living in Tunisia.—France-Presse.

CHIANG WILL NOT STOP CEASEFIRE

Washington View Of Formosa Straits Crisis

Washington, May 2.

Nationalist China will be no obstacle in the way of a ceasefire agreement for the Formosa Straits between the United States and Communist China.

American leaders are certain of this, it was confirmed from a reliable source this evening, since the return to the United States from Nationalist China of Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Mr Walter Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

In American eyes such a ceasefire would not affect in the slightest the United States obligations regarding Nationalist China as laid down in the mutual assistance treaty signed between them in December 1954.

By this treaty Nationalist China is strictly forbidden to take offensive action against the Chinese mainland without United States consent.

It was by virtue of this engagement by the Nationalists that President Eisenhower was able to tell his last week's Press conference that as far as the Taipei Government was concerned, the question of such a ceasefire would be entirely academic.

This is probably also the argument with which Admiral Radford and Mr Robertson presented Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek.

A GESTURE

Meanwhile it is thought certain in Washington, despite an official silence, that the United States is considering stationing several anti-aircraft and Marine units in Formosa as a gesture of their willingness to defend the island.

It is felt here that this move would not cause Communist China to alter her attitude which is favourable to direct discussions with the United States to bring hostilities to an end in the Formosa Straits.

The view here is that Washington has already indicated to certain nations represented at Peking that the presence of a few American ground units in Formosa would be nothing more than symbolic and that the purpose of these units would be as much to restrict the Nationalists to a purely defensive role as to protect that island against an attack.

Certain political circles here feel that, if direct negotiations between Washington and Peking should prove fruitless, supporters of an American policy of force might find restored their prestige which President Eisenhower has discounted by accepting the principle of direct negotiations with Communist China.—France-Presse.

On His Way Home

London, May 2.

Mr Harry Pollitt, the General Secretary of the British Communist Party, left Peking for home today, the New China News Agency reported.—Reuter.

German Road Tolls

4-POWER MEETING PROBABLE

Berlin, May 2.

The Western Allied High Commissioners in Germany are sending a note to the Soviet High Commissioner agreeing to a Four-power High Commission meeting in Berlin on the new East German road tolls, the United States Armed Forces Radio reported here tonight.

They would stress that they considered the four occupation powers competent to deal with the problem affecting road transport to and from Berlin, the Radio added.

The note would be in answer to one from the Soviet High Commissioner, Mr G. M. Pushkin, last Saturday who claimed that the tolls raised up to 11 times were a purely German question and must be settled in direct East-West German negotiations.

Pushkin added, however, that he was ready to meet the Western High Commissioners to discuss the subject.

The meeting, if it takes place, would be the first conference of the top representatives of the four occupation powers since the Allied Control Council broke up with a Soviet walkout in March 1948.—Reuter.

Delegation Leaves

London, May 2.

A Chinese government delegation, headed by Vice Premier Peng Teh-huai, left Peking for Berlin by air today, the New China News Agency said.

The delegation will attend the celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Germany as guests of the East German government.—Reuter.

India To Give Aid To Lancashire

New Delhi, May 3.

Mr T. T. Krishnamachari, Minister for Commerce and Industries, is expected to announce a cut in India's duties on certain types of cotton cloth in Parliament here today.

The cut would amount to about 30 per cent on duties, which now run between 60 and 80 per cent, and would help the cotton mills of Lancashire sell more textiles in India, authoritative sources said.

All foreign countries would be affected by the cuts, but since British textiles benefit from Imperial Preference the tariff on them would drop proportionately lower.

British manufacturers could hope to sell up to ten times the present two million yards yearly as a result of such a cut, but Indian textile manufacturers believe there is not room for more than about six million yards annually of high quality cloth from Britain.—Reuter.

SOCIALISTS WOO LIBERAL VOTE

London, May 2.

The Labour Party has launched an all-out campaign to woo the millions of Liberal voters in Britain — key to the outcome of the May 26 general election.

Labour speakers throughout the country are ardently appealing to the supporters of this minority party for support, claiming that Socialists are the only really "progressive" group.

The Liberals, once Britain's ruling party, plan to fight only just over 100 of the 630 constituencies at stake in the coming election.

With the two main parties—Conservative and Labour—fairly evenly balanced, the way the millions of Liberals cast their ballots where their candidates are not standing could decide which party gets a majority in the new House of Commons.

In the present parliament the Liberals have just six members, and few people expect them to increase substantially their representation at the general election.

MORRISON GIVES LEAD

Mr Herbert Morrison, deputy Labour leader and one-time Foreign Secretary led his Party's pleas to get Liberals into its camp. He called on them in a weekend speech to follow the example of Lady Megan Lloyd George, a Liberal MP for 22 years who recently joined the Socialists.

Progressive-minded Liberals and Radicals, he said, should resist Conservative "blandishments" and back the Labour Party.

If Liberals wanted "progress to go ahead, they ought to swing their influence and their vote to our support."

Lady Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the first world war Liberal Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, entered Socialist ranks last week declaring "it is only in the Labour Party that I can be true to the radical tradition."

Many politicians believe her switch might be a major factor in influencing Liberals to vote Labour — and already the Socialist chiefs are exploiting her changeover.

"STAR TURN"

They have billed Lady Megan Lloyd George to appear as a "Star" on Labour's last television programme—and perhaps the most important — before election day.

In this programme on May 20, she will join Mr Morrison, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr James Callaghan, another Labour leader.

Election experts reckon that where there were no Liberal candidates in 1951, two Liberal voters polled for the Conservatives for every one who went to Labour.

Politicians declare that it is for this reason that the Labour Party is making the most open drive for the Liberal votes.

But behind the scenes, Conservatives said their supporters are also believed to be pressing the Liberals to join them.

Mr Clement Davies, the Liberal Party leader, flies back to London tonight from Majorca, in the Mediterranean, where he has been recuperating after suffering from nervous prostration.

He is expected to approve quickly the draft of the Liberals' election manifesto which is due to be published in a week's time.—Reuter.

Churchill To Make Six Speeches

London, May 2.

The former Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, stepped into Britain's election campaign tonight with an announcement that he would make six speeches in an effort to boost the Conservatives to victory.

The announcement said Sir Winston would make three speeches in his own constituency of Woodford and three outside his home ground. In addition, Sir Winston and Lady Churchill will make their traditional tour of his own election division on the eve of the May 26 nationwide balloting.

One of his speeches will be at Bedford, where his son-in-law and private secretary, Captain Christopher Soames, faces a stiff re-election fight.

The 80-year-old statesman may also make a general election appeal for the Conservatives in a radio broadcast shortly before the voting.

Conservative sources said the plans for Sir Winston's election role were set late last week, following his return from a holiday in Sicily. — United Press.

Diem's Envoy At Cannes

Cannes, May 2.

Ton That Hoi, special envoy from Vietnamese Premier Ngo Dinh Diem to ex-Emperor Bao Dai, arrived here today.

Ton That Hoi, a member of the imperial family, left Saigon by air on Saturday with instructions from Mr Diem "to inform Bao Dai about the real situation in the Vietnamese capital.

He took the regular Saigon-Paris plane but remained aboard when it stopped at Nice. From Paris he returned to the Riviera today by train.

He told a reporter that Premier Diem had no intention of overthrowing Bao Dai. He said he had come to inform the ex-Emperor of the exact situation in Saigon.—Reuter.

Cancels Press Conference

Washington, May 2.

It was announced today that Mr Dulles had cancelled his Tuesday press conference because of "an extremely heavy schedule" including a meeting with Republican and Democratic congressional leaders at the White House.

Mr Dulles leaves here on Friday for Paris to attend the foreign ministers' meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty countries.—Reuter.

Reds Plan Joint High Command

Warsaw Meeting

London, May 2.

Russia and other Communist states are to meet in Warsaw on May 11 to discuss questions arising from last November's Moscow conference at which it was decided to establish a combined military command.

This was announced today by the New China News Agency which said Communist China would be sending an observer to the conference.

It said that the Warsaw conference had been prompted by ratification of the Paris agreements under which the Western powers have agreed to the re-armament of West Germany.

The New China News Agency despatch under a Moscow dateline said the participating countries would be the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania.

REORGANISATION

It added: "In accordance with the decision of the Moscow conference, consultations have been held recently between the governments of the eight participating countries.

"These consultations have been concerned firstly with the signing of a treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance by these countries, and then the reorganisation of a joint command of the treaty signatories."

Late last month, Mr Nikita Krushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, visited Warsaw with the Soviet Army Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Ivan Konlev, who has been tipped as possible supreme commander of the joint organisation.

The Polish Premier, Mr Joseph Cyrankiewicz, and the Polish Chief of Staff, Colonel-General Jeze Bordzilowski, visited Moscow at the same time.

Marshal Klimenti Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, visited Hungary earlier last month.—Reuter.

Changed Attitude

London, May 2.

The Mercantile Marine Service Association said today in its annual report that the attitude of Chinese Communist port officials to crews of visiting ships "has changed to tolerance in place of the former abrupt rudeness."—United Press.

BIF Starts Well For Hongkong

Our Own Correspondent

London, May 2.

Admiral Earl Mountbatten, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lady Mountbatten were among the first visitors to the Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair in London today.

They arrived shortly after Earl Mountbatten had officially opened the first BIF ever to be held under the aegis of private enterprise.

On the Hongkong stand Earl and Lady Mountbatten spent some time examining the wide range of goods on show. Lady Mountbatten showed particular interest in the display of knitted gloves.

They were conducted by Mr T. F. R. Walter, leader of the Hongkong BIF delegation, and Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the London Office of the Hongkong Government.

BUSINESS BRISK

Business was brisk on the stand from the word "go." The first trade enquiry came from a Swedish buyer who wanted to know how he could obtain supplies of lampshades—samples of which are making their first appearance at the BIF and attracting considerable attention.

Thereafter enquiries from accredited trade buyers were dealt with at a rate of one every four or five minutes throughout the day.

The bulk of enquiries came from home buyers and covered nearly the whole range of the Colony's products. But enquiries were also made by trade representatives from the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia, Iraq, Finland, Holland, Eire, East Africa, Brazil, Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Morocco.

As in previous years, details of all enquiries will be sent to firms exhibiting on the stand.

IMPROVED GOODS

One's first impression of the stand was entirely favourable. The quality and finish of the goods on show have undergone a marked improvement in the past year and trade buyers have not been slow to remark this.

Once again the Hongkong stand seemed to be the busiest at the Fair, and there can be little doubt that one reason for this is the publicity Hongkong goods have received as a result of complaints that they are pricing British goods out of their own home market.

These complaints may be found in the long run to have done far more good than harm to Hongkong industry. It is no coincidence that when the Fair opened to the general public this afternoon the question most often heard on the Hongkong stand was, "Where can we buy these goods in Britain?"

The Hongkong Government Office reported tonight that 100 trade enquiries were recorded on the stand today. This compares with an average of 65 a day at last year's Fair.

Alleged Conspiracy By BBC Officials

London, May 2.

British Broadcasting Corporation officials were alleged in the High Court here today to have accepted bribes to keep radio showman Hughie Green off the air.

Mr Green, 35-year-old former Canadian Air Force pilot, claimed there had been an "unlawful and malicious conspiracy against him."

He alleged that the officials had deliberately prevented him from renewing a contract for a radio programme and that they gave it instead to a rival, Carroll Levis, Toronto-born theatrical impresario.

Both Mr Levis and Mr Green have presented radio shows featuring discoveries of amateur talent.

Mr Green claimed damages against nine defendants. They were the BBC; Mr George Stevenson, senior clerk in the official Solicitor's Office of the London High Court; Mr Cecil Frank Meehan, Assistant Head of the BBC's Variety Department; Mr Levis, his wife, Mina, and his brother, Cyril; Mr John McMillan, former member of the BBC; and two theatrical agents, Joseph William Collins and Will Collins.

All denied conspiracy. They were all represented by counsel, except Mr Cyril Levis, who was said to be in Canada and had taken no part in the proceedings.

Lord Hailsham, QC, who appeared for Mr Green, said that Scotland Yard had made inquiries into alleged transactions of money at the BBC.

Lord Hailsham said that during 1945-1947 Carroll Levis was almost continuously on the air with "discovery" programmes, but at the end of 1947 he became ill.—China Mail Special.

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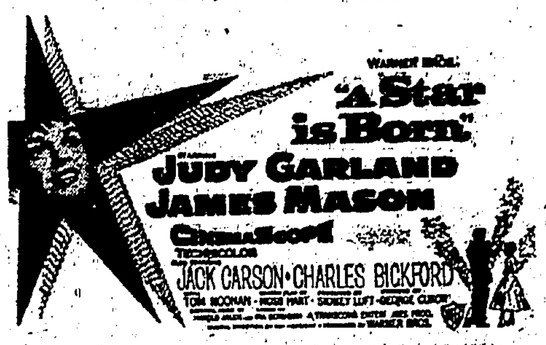

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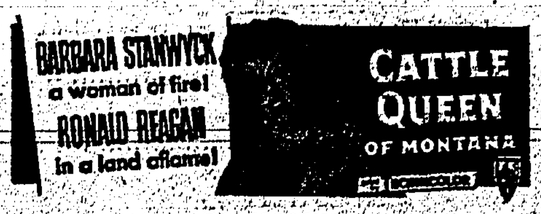

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TACTICAL SHIFT IN SOVIET POLICY

Washington, May 2.

The Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Mr Robert Murphy, said today there appeared to be a "tactical shift" in Communist policy, and he urged that the United States "explore any avenue" which could reduce world tension.

At the same time other high American officials said Communist influence was on the decline in Europe and Latin America but warned that the main struggle against Communism was centred in Asia.

Mr Murphy told a National Chamber of Commerce meeting that an apparent softening of Soviet policy on Austria and a statement by the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, at the recent Bandung conference "suggest that at least a tactical shift in Communist policy may be taking place."

He said the "major struggle now is concentrated probably in Asia." Conference secretary Frank Bane reported to newsmen after the closed door session.

Vice-President Richard Nixon, recently returned from a tour of Latin America, said that Communism was clearly on the decline in that area, Mr Bane reported.—France-Presse.

INDUCES CAUTION

He added: "Although our experience induces caution with respect to these developments, the stakes are so high that national interest demands we explore any avenue which might lead to an easing of international tension."

Meanwhile Foreign Operations Administrator Harold Stassen told a conference of American State Governors that Communist influence was on the decline in Europe but that France and Italy constituted "major problems."

Mary Parker, the actress sister of the Duke of Edinburgh's equerry, and who has made a hit on TV and stage in London (she is an Australian), is now making a film with Tommy Trinder. It is a comedy called "You Lucky People", in which Mary Parker plays the part of a WRAC. This picture shows Tommy endeavouring to listen in as Mary, in her uniform as a member of the Women's Royal Army Corps, makes a telephone call during filming at the studio.—Central Press Photo.

British Communist Party Manifesto

London, May 2.

The British Communist Party wants hostilities to end in Kenya and Malaya and the withdrawal of American Air Force units from Britain.

These were two points made in the Party's manifesto for the forthcoming general election on May 26, issued today.

OTHER POINTS

Other points in the manifesto were:

Instead of making the hydrogen bomb, Britain should sign an international agreement prohibiting thermonuclear weapons and reducing all other armaments.

A reduction of the period of national service to a year, instead of two years as at present.

A European collective security pact and the unification of a democratic Germany instead of German rearmament.

The admission of Communist China to the United Nations and the return of Formosa to Communist China.

The Party will put up 16 candidates to defend this programme at the elections. The Party recommends that where there is no Communist candidate, voters should support the Labour candidate.

Since the 1950 general election the Party has had no Member of Parliament.—France-Presse.

TOGLIATTI ORDERED TO REST

Venice, May 2.

Palmiro Togliatti, 62-year-old leader of 2,000,000 Italian Communists, was ordered to rest here by doctors tonight after a slight collapse at a May Day rally yesterday.

The square built five foot six inch leftwing leader, generally regarded as the most authoritative Communist statesman in the Western world, was examined by two specialists in Trieste where he had been speaking.

PLAN VETOED

They vetoed his planned return to Rome and suggested that he take "a few days' rest" at Venice, according to Party spokesmen.

Togliatti felt faint during a speech to 15,000 workers in Trieste Square.

In 1948 Togliatti was hit by three bullets when a student tried to assassinate him.

In August 1950 he cracked his spine in a motor accident and two months later he was operated on in Rome for a double clot on the brain.—Reuter.

Songgram Meets Eisenhower

Washington, May 2.

The Thailand Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songgram, conferred here today for 25 minutes with President Eisenhower and received the Legion of Merit, degree of Chief Commander, from the President.

The award cited Marshal Songgram "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United Nations to the cause of freedom as Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Kingdom of Thailand."

PRAISED FORCES

The citation also praised the military forces of Thailand for being "among the first to respond to the call of the United Nations to meet the challenge of enemy aggressor forces with armed forces when Korea was attacked by the Communists in 1950."

The two chiefs of state then left, with other dignitaries, for what was termed a diplomatic party: A golf match at Maryland's Burning Tree Club.

The challenger, according to Press Secretary James Hagerty, was not President Eisenhower the well-known enthusiast, but Marshal Songgram himself, an addict.—France-Presse.

10 Countries Accept Simla Invitation

New Delhi, May 2.

Japan is among 13 Asian countries invited by India to attend a conference at Simla on May 9 to discuss the best ways in which to use foreign aid, particularly United States aid, under the Colombo Plan.

Ten of the countries — Japan, Laos, Nepal, Malaya, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam — have accepted the invitations. Two have declined—Burma and Ceylon. India has sent clarification of the purpose of the conference to these two countries.

The remaining country is the Philippines which has not yet replied.

The conference is the result of a visit early this year of the American foreign aid administrator, Mr Harold Stassen. Its main purpose will be to decide on the best use of American aid for economic development and to give the United States Government the recipients own views on the best way of handling aid.

The conference is expected to last about one week.—Reuter.

Paris, May 2.

Postal remittances between France and Japan, interrupted since the war, have been resumed as from today, the French Ministry of Postal Communication announced this afternoon.

The remittances to Japan will be subject to the French exchange control regulations, the announcement indicated.—France-Presse.

OFF AGAIN

New York, May 2.

A major atomic test for which thousands of observers gathered at Yucca Flats last week was postponed again today until Wednesday at the earliest.

It was the seventh postponement and most of those who came to watch the test and the civil defence exercise planned in connection with it have left the area.—Reuter.

NATIVE WITCHES BURN STOCK-IN-TRADE

Nairobi, May 2.

FIVE hundred native witches have joined in a mass bonfire of their stock-in-trade—human bones, hair, fingernails and sand from cross-roads, thus cleansing the Wakamba reserve in Kenya of the Mau Mau.

The bonfire is described in the annual report of the District Commissioner, Mr D. J. Penwill, who said that the Mau Mau had entered the Wakamba tribe through sorcery and magic rather than along political and nationalistic lines, as with the Kikuyu.

Shortly after the ceremonial bonfire, 5,000 Wakamba celebrated the "utter defeat" of the Mau Mau among them.

Very few of the witches' husbands knew that their wives had been dabbling in sorcery, and they were astounded when the women brought out material they had been using in weaving spells, and cast it on the flames.—France-Presse.

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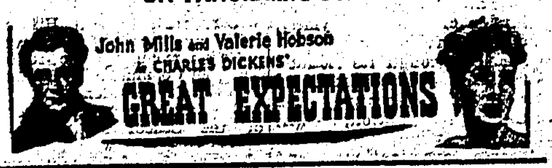

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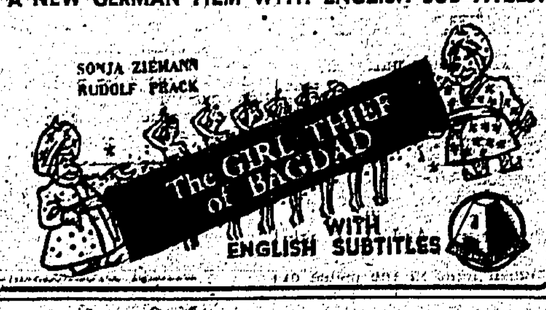

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WOMEN THREATEN PAKISTAN PREMIER

Restore First Wife's Status —Or Else

MR MOHAMMED ALI

Karachi, May 2.

The newly formed League for Women's Rights today threatened civil agitation if Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mr Mohammed Ali, who recently took his former secretary as a second wife, failed to restore his first wife to the position of the first lady of Pakistan within one week.

The threat was contained in a resolution handed in at the Prime Minister's house today. Another passage of the resolution said "all womanhood is ashamed today that one woman has wantonly broken the happy home of another."

"Under these tragic circumstances, we strongly demand that Begum Hamida Mohammed Ali (the Prime Minister's first wife) should retain her previous status and should continue to be the first lady of Pakistan. Under no circumstances are the women of Pakistan prepared to see Mr Ali's second wife usurp this position," the resolution said.

IN BEIRUT

Mr Ali married his second wife, Miss Alia Saadi, born in Canada of Lebanese parents, in Beirut on April 2.

The League for Women's Rights, with over 200 prominent women as its members, has as its president the wife of Mr Mohammed Ali's Minister of Finance in the Pakistani Cabinet, Mr Chaudri Mohammed Ali. Eight women's organisations in Karachi have contributed to its membership.

After a meeting of the League at the Hotel Metropole this morning, about 100 women converged on the Prime Minister's house in their cars and demanded an audience. They were told he was away so they left a copy of the resolution with Mr Mohammed Ali's secretary, Mr W. B. Qadri.

The resolution said Mr Mohammed Ali's marriage to his former social secretary, Miss Saadi, "without justifiable reason" had "misrepresented Islam to the world."

The marriage has been a subject of controversy ever since it was announced. Princess Abida Sultan, who was Pakistan's delegate to the last United Nations General Assembly, recently defended the right of Moslem men to practise polygamy. Polygamy was definitely allowed in Islam, she told reporters.

But what had been clearly stipulated she said "is equal treatment among wives. The difference between banning polygamy through legislation by presupposing that equality will not be maintained and demanding equality of treatment after polygamy has been entered into is to be appreciated and not abused," she said.

MAKE STIPULATION

"Women who cannot tolerate polygamy are free to make this stipulation or even later on if they can influence their husbands to agree to it," the Princess added.

When Mr Mohammed Ali left Singapore with his second wife on his way home from the Bandung conference, he carried with him a letter from a Pakistani Moslem missionary in Singapore congratulating him on his second marriage and adding "I am sure you will set an example in dealing with your wives equitably as you have set one in putting polygamy into practice."

(It was reported from Cairo last week that Begum Hamida Mohammed Ali, the Pakistan Prime Minister's first wife, will shortly visit Egypt as the guest of Dr Doria Shafik, the Egyptian feminist leader.)—Reuter.

BBC INTRODUCES NEW SYSTEM

Eliminates Most Interference

London, May 2.

The British Broadcasting Corporation today began a new broadcasting system with a high degree of frequency modulation to improve reception for radio listeners all over the country.

This system virtually eliminates all interference and jamming caused by foreign stations broadcasting on wavelengths near those of the BBC.

To benefit from the new technique, listeners must either install a special apparatus on their present sets or buy new radios which will henceforth be equipped with it.

The first of 10 new broadcasting stations, designed to handle the improved frequency modulation, was inaugurated today at Wrotham, Kent. It has 120 kilowatts of power and will cover a large part of southeast England, including the London region.

The old system will be continued for the time being.—France-Presse.

London, May 2.

The Earl of Home, the new Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, whose visit to Australia and New Zealand during the summer recess was announced on April 24 hopes, on his return journey, to visit India, Pakistan and Ceylon, the Commonwealth Relations Office announced tonight.

The Prime Ministers of these countries have told the Earl of Home they would welcome a visit from him.—France-Presse.

MINISTER REPORTS ON FAROES

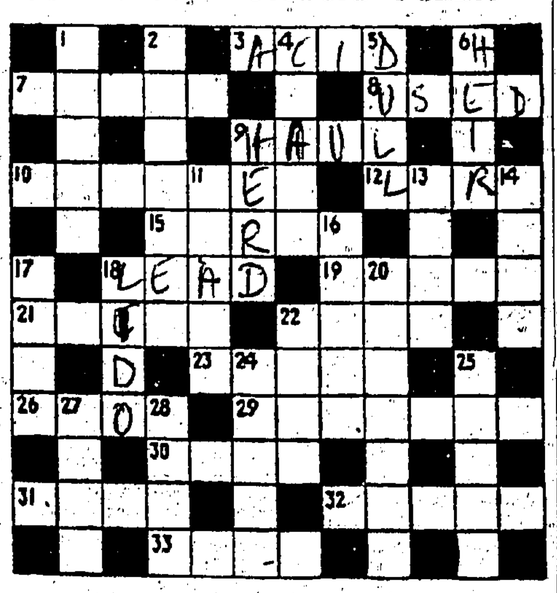
Copenhagen, May 2.

The Danish Finance Minister, Mr Viggo Kampmann, arrived here today by air from the Faroe Islands where he consulted with local officials on the crisis which has arisen over Danish Government attempts to remove Dr Olav Halversen from Klaksvig, one of the islands.

Mr Kampmann was scheduled to report his findings to a Cabinet meeting tomorrow morning, and to a meeting of various political parties later in the afternoon.

Danish attempts to remove Dr Halvorsen, whom the Government considers "unqualified," failed when Klaksvig islanders rose to the defence of the doctor.—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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3 Sour (4)
7 Boundary (5)
8 Accustomed (4)
9 Pull (4)
10 Scolds (7)
12 Frolic (4)
15 Concise (5)
18 Metal (4)
19 Ventures (5)
21 Ecstasy (5)
22 Get up (4)
23 Radiates (5)
26 Equine gait (4)
29 Agrees (7)
30 Coarse (4)
31 Jot (4)
32 Narrative (5)
33 Victim (4)

DOWN

1 Plunges (5)
2 Swells (7)
4 Form (5)
5 Uninteresting (4)
6 Successor (4)
9 Flock (4)
11 Torment playfully (5)
13 Land measure (4)
14 A salutation (4)
16 Prepares for press (5)
17 Encourage (4)
18 Bathing place (4)
20 Avers (7)
22 Hazard (4)
24 Clergyman's house (5)
25 Begin (5)
27 Apartment (4)
28 Snare (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Dahlia, 7 Esau, 9 Union, 10 Lemur, 11 Aids, 13 Contestant, 15 Deal, 16 Room, 19 Despondent, 22 Door, 24 Prize, 25 Mocks, 26 Sent, 27 Riddle. Down: 2 Allen, 3 Lance, 4 Allots, 5 Remanded, 6 Hard, 8 Suite, 12 Split, 13 Cured, 14 Temerity, 17 Adorn, 18 Appear, 20 Nomad, 21 Excel, 23 Open.

LUFTHANSA CREW ARRIVE IN BRITAIN

Pictured on arrival at London Airport are the crew of the new German Lufthansa Air Company, Captains Marks, Ward, and Nonnenberg, and air hostess Rosemary Wodrich, 24, from Bremen. It was the first training flight of the new Lufthansa Company who are now once again taking part in the world's airlines. —Express Photo.

US Fighter-Bomber Task Force Forming

NEW STRATEGY VISUALISED

Washington, May 2.

The United States is forming fighter-bomber task force units capable of flying to any trouble spot in the world on short notice to help squelch brush-fire wars, it was disclosed today.

The units, being developed by the Air Force's tactical command at Langley, Virginia, are being built on the theory that huge atomic and hydrogen stockpiles created by the United States and Russia may cancel out the threat of all-out war.

Under the plan, the Tactical Air Force, under General O. P. Weyland, would put a few fighters, a light bomber or two, a tanker and perhaps a transport plane into a single fast-moving unit that could get anywhere in the world in little more than a day.

FINAL DECISION

The final decision on using the aerial task forces would be up to the chief executive.

General Thomas D. White, Air Vice-Chief of Staff, touched on the plan in a speech at St Louis on Saturday night when he said the United States was ready "to send fully operational tactical air forces equipped with either atomic or non-atomic weapons to a friendly nation to fight side by side with its ground forces."

Development of these units offered one answer to the question of how the United States would fight "fringe wars" like those in Korea and Indo-China.

Many officials, in and out of the Administration, feel that brush-fire wars might become more and more prevalent if the continued build-up of awesome atomic weapons by the United States and Russia cancels out the probability of full-scale war.

The new concept was made possible by the development of "little atomic" bombs and weapons which can be carried in a fighter plane as well as a bomber.

INCREASING DETERRENT

General White said, "Our tactical air forces can provide an increasingly effective deterrent" to lesser wars and could be "decisive" if such wars started.

He said, "One relatively small fighter-bomber can now carry a bomb much more destructive than the atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki or Hiroshima."

The first World War II bombs were rated the equal of 20,000 tons of TNT.

President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, both have said recently that the United States no longer regards atomic bombs as weapons to be used only in case of all-out world war.

Mr Dulles said that the United States now has precision atomic weapons that could be used chiefly against military targets.

General White said that the development of nuclear weapons and in-flight refuelling has diminished the former sharp distinction between strategic bombing forces and tactical fighter forces.

IN SHORT TIME

He said many military and civilian leaders now believe a major war would be decided in a very short time. Similarly, he said, any brush-fire war in which the United States became involved "might be best extinguished immediately."

"In Korea we learned the futility of trying to fight a long war with traditional means against vastly superior numbers of Communists," he said.—United Press.

'TAME' CROCS

Thought To Have Been Extinct

Nairobi, May 2.

Zoologists in East Africa are intrigued by the possibility that they have discovered a species of "tame" crocodile which was thought to have been long extinct.

Two of them have been found in the Malagarasi swamps of Lake Tanganyika. Africans who live round the swamps had reported that this species would not harm humans and had been caught and stroked without protest.

The heads of the crocodiles, which can be identified by their long slender snouts, have been sent to the Croyndon Memorial Museum in Nairobi.

Dr L.S.B. Leakey, curator of the Museum, said this species of crocodile had been the discovery of a 250,000-year-old fossil.—France-Presse.

WEST EUROPEAN UNION

Commission meets to form organisation

London, May 2.

The Interim commission of the Western European Union met here today to complete preparations for the official creation of the new organisation.

The Union, established by the London and Paris agreements, will comprise the five signatories to the Brussels treaty, Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg, and West Germany and Italy.

LONDON HEADQUARTERS

Its headquarters will be in London.

The first meeting of the Union's council, composed of the Foreign Ministers of the seven member countries, will be held in Paris during the NATO Council meeting next week.

The Council will take important decisions of a practical order concerning the new organisation's functions, relations with NATO and the Council of Europe.

The seven Ministers will also designate the officials from whom the Secretary-General and Director-General for the armaments control agency will be chosen.

At the request of the French and German Governments, they will designate the "European commissioner" for the Saar, who, it is generally thought, will be a Briton.—France-Presse.

EHRENBURG IN FRANCE

Paris, May 2.

Ilya Ehrenburg, the well-known Soviet writer, has come to France to see the country and to get to know it better, it was stated by a Soviet source in Paris today.

He had lived for many years in France before the last war and was very fond of the French people and French culture, the source added. — France-Presse.

Although the work of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is planned to meet the needs of this particular community, it is also part of the universal effort to eradicate tuberculosis. Scientists, doctors and others specialising in the treatment of tuberculosis throughout the world have made great discoveries during the last few years, and the fruits of their labours are being made available to sufferers from this disease here in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

The future development and extension of the work of the Association depends very largely upon the Annual Appeal for funds, and it is good to remember that every donation represents an investment in health protection for our children and for ourselves.

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The card said cocktails

I saw a tall, exquisite creature, who was the centre of a little circle . . .

I DON'T like cocktail parties—and when I say that I have better cause than most of the many who, from time to time, make the same assertion—in unconvincing voices—and eagerly accept an invitation to yet another close-packed riot of shrill-sounding women and thirsty but frustrated men, sipping little glasses of warm diluted gin in a smoky air and spilling their cigarette ash over sour olives and jostling shoulders.

There are good reasons for disliking cocktail parties; they are comfortless, noisy, and unsatisfying—usually they provoke thirst without slaking it; they introduce you to people with whom you could talk happily for an hour and snatch you away within three minutes—or leave you stranded with a stentorian bore.

They induce you, for the sake of bonhomie, to make outrageous statements to semi-strangers, and plague you with half-heard gossip of the most engaging sort from the next couple but one. And they spoil, utterly, the rest of the evening.

Too weak . . .

All these are sufficient cause for avoiding them; but I have a stronger reason. I am (like most of my fellow men) too weak to resist temptation, but I never yield to it without remembering an occasion—it was long ago—that brought me appalling unhappiness. It was unhappiness compounded of humiliation and, even worse than that, of a mystification that I have never been able to explain.

—By ERIC LINKLATER

● Novelist, playwright, author of war books. He was born in Orkney in 1899, and once stood unsuccessfully for Parliament as a Scottish Nationalist. Has travelled all over the world and—as he says in this story—spent two years (1929-30) in America. But what of the rest of the story? Did it happen?

It happened more than 20 years ago—it was nearer 25—when, after living in a brisk and amusing way in the United States for a couple of years, I had found a quiet and sober domicile in the central Highlands of Scotland.

I had taken, for a year, a furnished cottage, and a stout elderly woman, a gamekeeper's widow, looked after me and kept me in decent comfort. (But I have never eaten porridge since then and venison only with reluctance.)

I had a few friends in the neighbourhood and one of them was the son of a deputy-lieutenant of the country, a red-faced man with a domineering voice who owned several thousand acres and a large imposing Georgian mansion. But his son was a modest gentle person, of whom I was very fond.

Now one day I received a handsomely engraved card of invitation to a party at their house and in the lower left-hand corner was the word *Cocktails*.

I considered it with mixed feelings, for I was pleased and flattered by the invitation, but dreaded having to go to the party.

I have always been shy, and then I was almost morbidly shy. I was a stranger in the country, I was by no means well-off, and these people were not only very rich but—as society was constituted, there and at that time—truly important. It was going to be an ordeal, but I had to face it.

The weather, on the evening of the party, increased my reluctance to leave the small comfort of my cottage, for an autumn gale was blowing—a gale thick with driving rain—and my car was a little, shabby, draughty vehicle and I had 17 miles to go. So to fortify myself I drank a glass of whisky and water, and then another. Perhaps a third?—I cannot be sure, but I had to hurry when at last I went upstairs, to my cold and narrow bedroom, to put on a clean shirt and a better suit. The suit I was wearing was offensive even to my tolerant eye.

On a visit to the Outer Isles, a few weeks before, I had been attracted to a roll of handwoven tweed. In the piece it looked very decorative: a system of green and yellow checks on a background the colour of oatmeal. (It had been designed for export I suppose.)

I bought a length, and had it made up; and as a suit it was—I had to admit it—quite deplorably vulgar. But I could not afford to throw it away, and I was wearing it discreetly, when no one was there to see it, in the hope that use would subdue the stridency of the colours—I had to put on something dark and respectable for the party, of course.

I remember shivering in my little car as I drove along country roads under wind-shaken trees, and I remember my trepidation when a footman opened the door into a brightly lighted hall. But almost immediately my friend, the son of the house, came to greet me, and gave me, from a table laden with glasses, a cocktail of the most delectable sort. None of your tepid gin and lime or gin and imitation vermouth, but a champagne cocktail in a generous goblet. And then, before introducing me to some of his friends, another.

The girl . . .

I have said that I had lately been in America, and America, then as now—then as always—was *news*. People were glad, as they are glad today, to hear quips and gossip of America; and, having a good store of such gossip I got on very well indeed with people who, otherwise, might not have bothered to take much notice of me. I forgot my shyness and thoroughly enjoyed the goblet of champagne that was so often refilled.

But I was restless, I could not settle down to talk, for I had heard that my hosts had a visitor, a Danish girl of quite exceptional beauty, and I was anxious to see her. So I moved from group to group, looking for her, and presently, in a corner of the room, I saw a tall and exquisite creature who was the centre of a little circle of interest. Honey-coloured hair gleaming in the light, grey eyes in an oval face, a laughing mouth, and arms and neck—such lovely arms, and a neck magnolia-smooth—that had been deeply tanned by a foreign sun. But talking to her was a man who, for a moment, left me quite breathless with stupefaction. Stupefaction first, then horror.

He was wearing my suit of vulgar green and yellow tweed—or what appeared to be my suit—and his behaviour was more vulgar than his clothes.

My double

In that company they were less conspicuous than might have been expected, for a good many of the guests—there were well over a hundred people there—wore Highland dress; and some of the kilts would have put another combination of colours in the shade. But none the less, the suit was in vile taste, and he who wore it was talking much too loudly, and from what I overheard his conversation was not only wantonly familiar but familiarly wanton.

His gestures, too, were horribly free. I saw him put a large red hand on the shoulder of the beautiful Dane, and though she did not seem to shrink from his approach, I found it most offensive. And my disquiet was sensibly increased when I noticed that the back of his head was curiously like mine. (My head, though its shape is not handsome, is distinctive.) I watched them with growing perturbation, and my unease reached a climax when she, apparently feeling that an earring was about to fall, made a little movement to secure it, and my abominable double tried clumsily to help her.

She was wearing large, gold earrings fashioned in the shape of a Viking ship; and the deplorable man in the awful suit let his gross hand fall on her exquisitely sunburned neck.

Never forgotten

I saw that quite clearly, and I still remember my feeling of indignation and disgust. But I remember little more till I was driving home again, with indignation and disgust to accompany me. They occupied my thoughts too closely indeed, and I was worrying about my dreadful double—and having to live in the same neighbourhood with such a fellow—when I should have been thinking about my driving. For in avoiding a lorry with bright headlights I went into a ditch, and being thrown against the roof of my car, was knocked unconscious.

I was, as it happened, within a mile of my cottage, and I recovered my senses in my own bed; where the gamekeeper's widow—who was used to such accidents, having spent most of her life in service to the upper classes—attended to me without undue questioning or much surprise. I was suffering from concussion, and I spent a few days in twilit misery; but that unhappiness was nothing to the wretchedness that awaited me.

It was on the fourth day after my accident that I got up, and dressing, I put on my green and yellow checked suit. I put my watch in my left-hand waistcoat pocket, a cigarette lighter in the other; and there I felt a little sharp-edged object, and pulling it out I saw—with a stricken amazement, with a perplexity I have never forgotten and never resolved—that it was a large gold earring shaped like a viking ship.

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POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

[During the recent strike, Lady Littlehampton's specialised knowledge was always available to a news-hungry public.]

"On Tuesday at Clermont-Ferrand a horse-meat butcher of sixty years, rendered foolish by love, made to jump his brains!"

OLD VIENNA IS GOING GAY IN ADVANCE

By RICHARD GREENOUGH

MANY of the bubbles of the champagne that was once Vienna are now sparkling back. After ten years of occupation—and a previous seven under the Nazis after Hitler walked in in March 1938—Austria now seems on the verge of regaining her independence.

Although the Russian terms for a peace treaty given to Chancellor Julius Raab in Moscow have given Britain, France, and especially the United States—the other three occupying Powers—a severe diplomatic headache, people here have already started to celebrate their new freedom.

Soviet Air Force MIG jets still fly over the city, and the wives of Russian officials are already hurriedly buying up all they can before they leave, especially the dwindling supplies of antiques.

But the Viennese, in their usual charming, carefree, somewhat improvident way, have started counting their chickens long before they are finally hatched.

They started doing so even before Herr Raab flew to Moscow. For some months now Vienna has been a little boom city.

Bustling city

THE people look smart and well dressed, well fed, happy, gay, certainly not the kind of people who have allowed themselves to be inconvenienced by the Soviet occupation.

As usual, they have sung and drunk their way through the miseries of the past.

There is more flurry and bustle than ever down the Kerntnerstrasse, the city's combination of Bond Street, Fifth Avenue, and the Rue de la Paix.

There shop-window displays in all lines once again rival, even surpass, those of other capitals in Europe (and New York too) in style, taste, and elegance. Prices are at the *de luxe* level, too, but a shade lower.

In any case, impact on the pocket is always somewhat lessened by the indelible, exquisite Austrian manners, still unaffected by two wars and a Soviet occupation. Salesmen and women are gracious without being obsequious and it is the tradition for every woman customer, no matter how small her purchase, to be given the usual "I kiss your hand, madame" farewell.

For the opera

THE slender spire and the multi-coloured mosaic-like tiles on the steep Gothic roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna's heart and soul, have shaken off their last winter snow—very late this year, as are the chestnut blossoms — and now glint in the warm spring sunshine further to lighten the hearts of the Viennese and their visitors.

No matter that part of the spire is in splints: undergoing war damage repairs which may take up to ten years.

Across the road from the Cafe Sacher, which, with its shining crystals and its red silk damask walls, its intimate and authoritative Hapsburg atmosphere, and its art collection, is still the hub of Vienna's indestructible cafe life, they are rebuilding the old Opera House on the Ring.

It is to be the finest opera house, so far as stage and technical equipment, if not actual size, in the world.

Two hundred and fifty million schillings (about £3,500,000) will have been spent on the lavish work of rebuilding the Opera House, bombed and burned early in 1945, by the time the 16-ton iron safety-curtain rises on the opening night of Beethoven's "Fidelio," next November 5.

The opening performance will rank among Europe's most glamorous social occasions since before the war.

It should also mark Vienna's return as the world's music capital.

The house has long been sold out at up to £70 a ticket. Requests for tickets are nevertheless still coming in. Americans have sent blank cheques, and one party of 30 from New York have chartered a special plane.

Boom signs

OTHER signs of Vienna's boom include, for example, the fact that one automobile maker has regularly sold 400 new cars a month in this city of fewer than 2,000,000 people since the beginning of the year.

The fact that "Boerse," Vienna's Stock Exchange, has been doing record business, with renewed confidence reflected in almost Wall Street scale rise in prices.

This has been especially so in the case of the stocks of the Danube Steamship Company and some of the 295 other enterprises, many hitherto virtually valueless, but now due to be handed back by the Russians to Austrian control.

By the fact that Vienna's five film studios are now booked up, with not any free day until the end of the year, mostly by foreign companies.

To the fact that the building boom has recently jumped so far ahead that the Government has had to apply an official soft-pedal because supplies of necessary equipment and consumer goods and fittings for the new homes, offices, and apartment blocks have not kept up with the pace.

Vienna's long-established "Dorotheum," the combination of State-run pawnshop and auction house, reports a steady decrease in the number of people—often former well-to-do business folk or from old aristocratic families—who brought in their last treasured possessions to sell in order to live.

Auctions are still held there regularly during the week, but the tragic quantity and quality of goods for sale has now more or less vanished.

Tourists again

VIENNA city officials, as well as its cafe waiters, with whom I have talked expect the conclusion of a State treaty and the end of occupation to give a tremendous fillip to the tourist trade here.

As soon as visitors can reach Vienna without travelling through the surrounding Russian-held territory, Austria's capital seems certain to stage a brilliant comeback, to become inevitably again the gay, scintillating Vienna that was.

But although the graceful, aging, but still gay old lady is having yet another face-lift, sprucing up her cafes and musicians, her intimate little restaurants reeking with "atmosphere," and night clubs complete with zither players, her crowded "*heurige*" wine cellars out at Grinzing, Sievering, and thereabouts, her open-air restaurants and terraces high on the Wienerwald overlooking the city, her surviving eight open-air horse-drawn *fiacres*, and, of course, the giant wheel on the Prater, all is by no means plane-sailing towards a new free and independent Austria.

Chancellor Raab has warned his people so.

Chief stumbling-block, of course, is Western reaction and the approval necessary, before a treaty can be signed, to Russia's insistence on Austria's strict neutrality, and promise not to join any military alliance such as NATO and not to permit any foreign military bases.

Elegant abandon

AUSTRIA has asked both the free Western Powers and Russia to guarantee her neutrality. This, if granted, could commit the signatory Powers to uphold Austria's neutrality by taking action against any country which violated—that is, fighting, if need be, for someone else's right not to be your ally.

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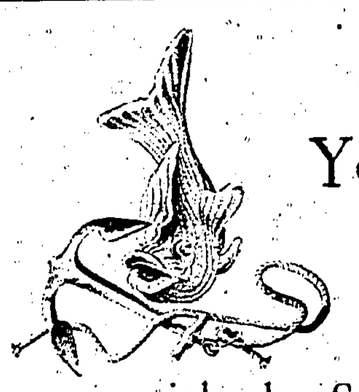

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What made Einstein's brain so different?

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

TWO teams of U.S. doctors have been battling for the right to examine the brain of Dr Albert Einstein, the scientific genius, who died in Princeton aged 76.

They believe that a detailed dissection may yield some clues about the nervous mechanism which enables a genius to grapple with problems beyond the scope of ordinary minds.

And they may find some answer to the question by millions of ordinary people: What is the difference between the brain of an Einstein and the brain of any other genius—or, indeed, of any ordinary mind?

From brain-wave tests made when Einstein was alive the doctors suspect that his brain was constructed in a peculiar way.

The tests showed that when Einstein thought deeply about his theories of relativity an exceptionally large number of separate groups of brain cells seemed to be focused on the problem.

As he tried to solve a difficult mathematical equation one group of brain cells after another sprang into activity—as though his mind was tuning into them successively in search of an answer.

The doctors, who will almost certainly be led by Dr John Kaufman at Princeton Hospital, will first measure and weigh the brain.

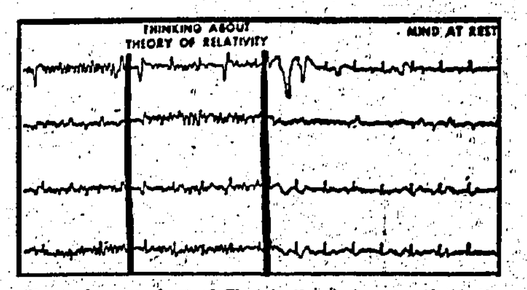
A few geniuses have had exceptionally large brains. The brain of Turgenev, the Russian novelist, weighed 74 ounces, compared with an average of about 50 ounces. But size is not as important as structure, and many geniuses had brains no bigger than average.

BLOOD SUPPLY

There is evidence that the brain's blood supply determines its thinking capacity. Einstein's brain may prove to have been equipped with especially wide-bore blood vessels assuring a rich supply of fuel and oxygen.

A new type of TV microscope invented in Britain will count the number of "grey matter" cells to show whether Einstein had substantially more than the ten thousand million that ordinary people possess.

The bulk of the brain is made up of white nerves which are the "wires" of the nervous network. It is the brain cells that seem to do the thinking. And the examination will also reveal whether any particular part of Einstein's brain was specially rich in cells.



The brain-wave chart of Einstein the genius. . . . Notice the activity when he was asked to think about his theory of relativity; how it tapered off when he was asked to relax.

Most scientists believe that Einstein's brain will keep its secrets, because its unique capacity for original thought almost certainly depended on the way the nerve cells were connected.

Such connections are so fine and so intricate that they cannot yet be mapped.

In Bristol Dr Grey Walter, brain expert at the Burden Neurological Institute, said: "I do not think this examination will yield much. We do not have the techniques for making a really detailed examination."

"I once helped to examine Lenin's brain, but we learned nothing from it."

And in America, doctors expect the examination — at Princeton—to take eight weeks.

REAL NATURE

Dr Thomas Harvey, who removed the brain which led the world into the atomic age, said: "Externally it looks just like anybody else's."

It is doubtful whether Einstein himself believed that the doctors would learn much from dissecting his brain.

Long before he died, the revolutionary trend of thought which he began 50 years ago had proved that the more men magnify the stuff which the world and they themselves are made of, the more elusive its real nature becomes.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Partners Show How To Play Bridge

By OSWALD JACOBY

JOHN McGERVEY and Paul Thoma are one of the strongest bridge partnerships in America, and when I recently asked John to give me a hand he had played especially well he gave me a hand in which Paul had been the star. This kind of spirit is one reason, of course, why the two young Pittsburgh experts have so fine a partnership.

Thoma made an overcall of four diamonds with the South hand, since he was unwilling to be shut out completely by East's pre-emptive bid of four clubs. West's double shook the room, and all passed.

West opened the ace of clubs, and Thoma had to ruff with the eight of diamonds. He led the queen of hearts for a finesse, but East won with the king. This was a bit of a blow, since there was reason to hope that East would have no side high cards.

East blithely led another club instead of switching to a trump, and South had to ruff again. Declarer now led the ten of hearts for a finesse, which fortunately worked. He led another heart to dummy's ace and drew one round of trumps by finessing the queen to West's king.

West led a third round of clubs, and South had to ruff with the ten of diamonds. This left him with the blank ace of diamonds, while dummy had two trumps. Not a bit daunted, Thoma cashed the ace of diamonds. When the expected bad trump trick was revealed it was necessary to hold West to one more trump trick with his K-6 of trumps.

Thoma went about this by finessing the jack of spades, cashing the king of spades, and taking the ace. He then led the thirteenth heart. West was down to his two trumps, while dummy had the seven of trumps and a spade.

There was no way for West to prevent dummy from winning a trick with the seven of diamonds—and this was the trick that fulfilled the contract.

	NORTH	19
	♠KJ73	
	♥A42	
	♦743	
	♣J53	
WEST (D)		EAST
♠Q109		♠64
♥J73		♥K85
♦KJ62		♦5
♣A72		♣KQ109864
	SOUTH	
	♠A852	
	♥Q1096	
	♦AQ1098	
	♣None	

North-South vul.

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	4♣	4♦
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣A

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Club	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass
2 Clubs	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: Spades 9-7, Hearts K-J-7, Diamonds A-Q-J-8-6, Clubs Q-4-2. What do you do?

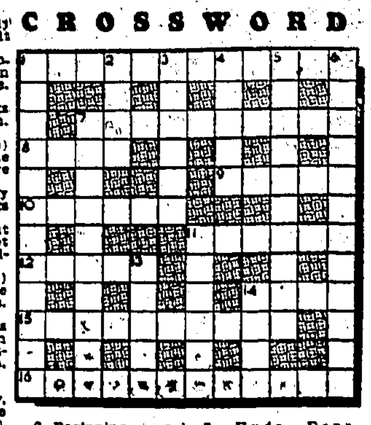
A—Bid two hearts. It is safe to bid this three-card suit because North cannot have enough hearts to get excited. If North has spades stopped he will be able to rely on you for hearts; and if he fails to bid no-trump you will know that the spade stopper is missing.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 7, Hearts K-J-7-4-2, Diamonds A-Q-J-8-6-5, Club 4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across

1. It works only when you press it to. (8, 4)
7. Divorce court proceedings often take this shape. (10)
8. Ardent Greeks looked up to him. (4)
9. He's a rascal. (5)
10. Stays solid in the mouth for naive characters. (6)
11. The wash is nearly over when things are this. (6)
12. Round and about trips, but not necessarily round-about trips. (5)
14. Star mixture. (4)
15. They are at home in two elements. (10)
16. The vegetables sound like open spaces for vaulting exercises. (6, 6)

Down

1. We are all, now, subjects like these, in a modern way. (12)
2. Beginning and end of capers. (4)
3. Dear to many an editor. (6)
4. A good one is a smoke. (5)
5. Sour Hegel! (anag.). (10)
6. Odd that girl's headers should result in bigger helpings! (6, 5)
7. Hyde Park laundry woman? (3, 7)
14. "The highwayman came ——— up to the old inn door"! (6)
16. The descendant sounds like an order to continue deep breathing! (5)
14. 1702 is her date. (4)

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Yesterday's solution.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 3

BORN today, you are one of those happy, carefree souls who seem to go through life without a serious thought for the morrow. This, however, is mostly a pose. Actually, you are level-headed, very practical and know exactly how to take full advantage of a situation or seize an opportunity. You are the type to make many friends some of them influential in furthering your ambitions. Your enemies may call you an opportunist but your friends just consider you smart! And that, you can be.

Despite your gay and charming attitude, you are seriously concerned with the fate of all those who are less fortunate than you are. You are unselfish and will make personal sacrifices if you think it will do any real good. Since you have a facile pen and a persuasive way of arguing you may write or lecture on behalf of those who need help, as well as influencing others to say a good word for the cause.

You enjoy travel and will probably see many of the far places of the earth during your lifetime. You are fond of active outdoor sports and might combine these two as an explorer, journalist or professional sportsman. Popular with members of the opposite sex, you may take quite a long time selecting a life partner. But once you have your choice, it is "forever"—and your home life should be an exceptionally happy one.

Among those born on this date are: Julia Arthur, actress, Mary Astor, and Alice Faye, screen stars; Jacob Riis, author and reformer; and Lot M. Morrill, early Maine governor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—By being a little more cautious than usual, you can prevent any unpleasant accident from occurring.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Exert a little extra energy and initiative. You will find that it expands your horizon appreciably.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Morning hours continue to be hazardous. Save all important matters for after lunch time.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't complain if you think there are no good opportunities. Be sure to look around carefully first!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Combine business and friendly contacts to good advantage. One can enhance the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Best for you to keep to your regular budget today. Don't be extravagant or you will regret it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—There is romance in the air. See that you enjoy yourself at some important social event.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Look before you leap today. Obeying an impulse may be just the wrong thing to do!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Make your plans and then stick to them. If you follow regular routine, all will be well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Continue to keep up your contacts with old friends, even if your circle of acquaintances is widening fast.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Don't expect too much and you will not be disappointed. Slow and steady wins the race.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Hasty actions can cause trouble, so think well before committing yourself to important decisions.

TARGET

H	Y	E
P	R	G
G	O	A

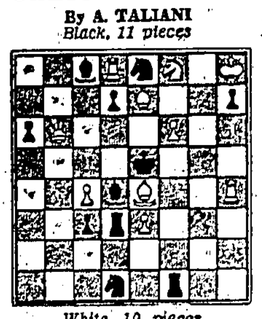
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 39 words, good; 43 words, very good; 48 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Apron calp cape capelin caper capon caprine capriole carp clap clip copal cope coper copra crape crop epic epical leap lope nape neap nopal opal opaline open opera opine orpin pace pacer paeon pail pain pair pale pane panel panic parcel pare parole peal pear pearl pecan pelican penal pencil peon peril pern piano pica pice pier pilcorn pile pincer pine pinocle place placer plaice plain plan plane plea polar pole police PORCELAIN porcine pore praline prance price prince prone rape rapine reap replica ripe ripen rope.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. TALIANI

Black, 11 pieces



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, R—B2; threat 2, Q—B4 (ch); 1 . . . K—Q5; 2, R—K2 (dis ch); 1 . . . R×P; 2, Q—Kt5 (ch); 1 . . . P—Kt4, B—Q6; 2, R—B5 (ch); 1 . . . K×P; 2, Q×QP (ch); 1 . . . B—B6; 2, B—R2 (ch).

"I keep telling him he should delegate more of the work to the people under him, but I keep forgetting —there *aren't* any people under him."

WOMANSENSE

One-piece For The Beach

This white lastex swimsuit trimmed with ribbons of green and white motif is by Jean Desses. — Agence France-Presse.

USE YOUR TWEEZERS INTELLIGENTLY

EYEBROWS can be expressive and that is why tweezers should be used intelligently, forming becoming and not unnatural patterns. The ideal brow is slightly arched. The thin, highly arched line is no longer considered smart. It tends to make eyes look surprised.

Any little strays that have wandered from the fold must be removed, of course. Never pull the shafts at right angles, or against the normal manner of growth. For quickest, most effective results, pull the unwanted hair in the direction in which it is growing. A soft cloth, wrung out of hot water and applied to the eyebrows before tweezing conditions the area and reduces discomfort.

Fortunately, we now recognise that each face has its own distinctive brow design, and that Nature has planned for each of us the contour that suits us best. Keep this in mind and don't be too ambitious when making changes.

An eyebrow pencil can be used sparingly to darken brows. Dark brown blends best with most complexions. Usually black proves too dark even when the hair itself is that shade.

To darken lashes, use mascara. Let the application dry, use another dry brush to separate the shafts.

—HELEN FOLLETT

Keep In Trim . . . . By Ida Jean Kain

The Sad Saga Of The Upper Arms

AS pounds pile on, upper arms inevitably fatten. And there seems to be no more annoying spot for fat to park — probably because flabbiness of the upper arms indicates that we are losing our grip on youth. But with or without excess fat, the muscles of the upper arms have a tendency to slacken on the job.

On the size score, arms may measure from 10 inches for smaller sizes to 11½ inches up to size 16, and 13 inches for size 20, depending, of course, on structure. But the shape depends on the tone of the triceps muscles which flank the backs of the upper part of the arms. However, since arms are used most of the time, it may be puzzling why they should be either flabby and fat or thin and droopy.

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The reason is that most arm movements fail to put the triceps muscles to work. If you haven't experimented on how these muscles loaf on the job, find out. With one hand, pick up a heavy object—a suitcase or even a heavy book—and with the free hand, feel which muscles are doing the lifting. You will find that it is the biceps on the forearms and the front of the upper arms. The muscles on the back part of the arm is not involved.

Kinesiology, the science of muscular movement, reveals the triceps are brought into action only when the elbow is extended forcibly or when the arms are in a position which is more horizontal than perpendicular. And, after all, arms are hanging on the sides a good share of the time.

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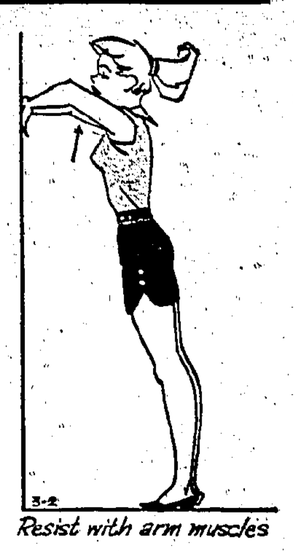
Here's a beauty routine: Hold arms out at shoulder level, palms down. Make hands into fists, rotate arms—and hold the twist. Holding is toning.

Try this easy version of the push-up: Stand arms distance from wall, palms of hands on wall at chest level. Resisting with arms, push forward until chest touches wall. Ever so slowly, return to starting position, again using arm muscles.



Resist with arm muscles

The familiar push-pull also adds resistance. Place clenched right fist in palm of left hand in front of chest. Then, resisting with muscles of left arm and pushing with right arm, force hands to the left. Change positions of hands and slowly and forcibly push to the right.

To stimulate circulation, rub backs of upper arms vigorously with a rough wash cloth. Make this "mitten-friction" a part of your bathing routine. Or have a "salt-glow"—rub coarse wet salt on this flabby area.

A bit of regular attention and one simple daily exercise will keep upper arms young and shapely.

New Swimsuit By Dior

Christian Dior presents this swimsuit with the latest cover-up look. It is in black spongy material. — Agence France-Presse.

One Form of Self-Education

By ANNE HEYWOOD

MANY women seem to suffer from an inferiority complex about their education—or lack of it. If they don't have a piece of paper saying they graduated from college, or even Secondary school, they feel that they must be ill-informed, an "ignoramus" the rest of their lives. And it just isn't so.

Here is a woman who feels that way.

"I've worked hard since I was fourteen," she writes, "because my father died and I had to help mother support us and the three other kids... I did all kinds of odd jobs in factories and shops, and have never had time to get any education. Now I am forty-one, and married to a wonderful man. We have no children. My husband's work makes it important to have people over a lot, and I always feel so left out.

"Can you," she concludes, "give me a list of books I should read? I could spend a lot of time reading. I like to read, but don't know where to start."

CLASSICS?

Lists of "required reading," it seems to me, defeat the purpose. There are no special books that everybody in the world must have read, or else. If we try to force so-called "classics" down our throats, without any real interest, they will bore us to death, and we won't remember a word.

No, I think the best idea for this woman is to start with her daily newspaper, reading it very thoroughly. Then, whenever she hits a story that really interests her, she should mark it, and then get to the library and get a book on that subject. If she reads about some Egyptian relics they've dug up, and finds that absorbing, she should get the librarian to give her a good book on archaeology, and a good history of early Egypt. Or it may be some medical discovery, or some art exhibit, or some new diet, or deep sea diving—anything at all, as long as it piques her curiosity.

If she does this regularly, she will be developing her mind along the lines of her own interests, which means far more than a parrot-like kind of study. Moreover, the newspaper reading itself, will keep her up to date, and give her a general background of many subjects.

The Victorians had a formula for the well-educated person: You must know something about everything, and everything about something. And it still holds good.

Delicious Orange-Nut Cupcakes

Orange-Nut Cupcakes are delicious. To serve four to six persons, first measure ¼ c. butter or shortening into bowl. Gradually blend in ½ c. sugar, 1 beaten egg, and 1 tbsp. grated orange rind.

Sift together 1¼ c. already-sifted enriched flour, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. baking soda. Stir in ½ c. chopped pecans, filberts or walnut meats. Add alternately with ½ c. orange juice to first mixture. Mix thoroughly, but do not beat.

Fill oiled 2" muffin pans a little more than half with batter. Bake 20-25 min. in moderate oven, 375° F. Cool 2 min. in pan. Then remove and finish cooling.

Use plain, or dip in orange syrup to glaze them. To glaze, insert a two-tined fork into each cake and dip quickly in and out of orange syrup. Cool on a cake rack.

Orange Syrup: In small saucepan combine ½ c. orange juice, 1 c. sugar and 1 tbsp. fine-grated orange rind. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Increase heat and boil rapidly 5 min. Use as directed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Peculiar Orchestra

—Made Up of a Toad, a Frog, a Cow and a Robin—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking through Pine Tree Grove when he heard strange sounds. The sounds were strange for this reason. They sounded like a whistle mixed with a bell with a honking horn in the middle.

Louder and Louder

After listening for several minutes to this strange sound, or collection of sounds, Knarf decided that it came from the direction of the grey stump in the middle of the grove where the toadstools grew. He hastened toward that spot at once. Meanwhile the sound, or sounds, kept growing louder and stranger with every step he took.

Finally, on reaching the grey stump, the sounds were so loud that Knarf knew he had found the source of them. He was right.

There, standing on the stump was Willy Toad dressed in black evening clothes with long silk tails, white gloves and a starched white shirt. Willy was waving a baton.

In front of Willy standing on the ground was a cow with a bell, a robin with a whistle, and a frog with a horn.

The Orchestra Stopped

The minute Willy noticed Knarf and Hanid, he tapped sharply with his baton (it was only a twig) and the "music" immediately stopped. That is to say, the cow stopped ringing her bell, the robin stopped blowing his whistle and the frog stopped honking his horn.

Willy and the three musicians all looked at their two visitors.

"Well," said Willy, "what do you think of our music?"

Knarf and Hanid were about to answer that they didn't think the sounds they heard were music at all, only the cow and the robin and the frog and Willy all looked so proud of themselves that Knarf and Hanid didn't have the heart to discourage them.

Instead Hanid said: "I liked it very much, Willy."

"Please play us another piece," said Knarf.

"Glad to, glad to," said Willy. "Would you like to hear Yankee Doodle or Three Blind Mice or Home Sweet Home or Hot Cross Buns?"

"We play them all equally well," said the cow.

"I've got a wonderful idea," said Robin. "Let's play them all."

"That suits me," said Frog.

Willy had the best idea of all. He decided that his three musicians would play Yankee Doodle, Three Blind Mice and Hot Cross Buns all at the same time. "And while they're playing," said Willy, "I'll sing Three Blind Mice."

Never in their lives had Knarf and Hanid heard such noise!

It was simply dreadful!

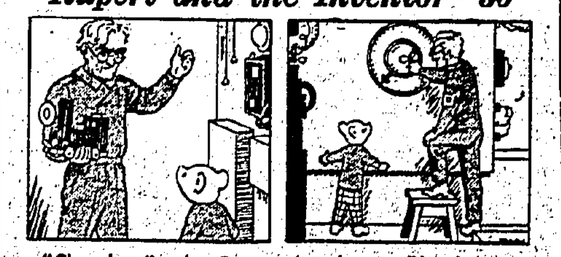
Another Encore

But the cow, the robin, the frog and above all, Willy, were SO pleased that Knarf and Hanid heard themselves saying when the "concert" was finished, "It was wonderful, Willy! Please play some more."

I don't have to tell you that Willy and his three friends did!

Willy Toad, dressed in black evening clothes, was conductor.

Rupert and the Inventor—30



"Oh, please," cries Rupert staring at the strange engine. "That's just like the thing Scuffy led me to. . ." "Yes, I know," interrupts the Inventor. "I made three of them and sent two of them out to test my fetching buttons. They didn't work on them, but one did work on you, so you shall go and find the other and bring it back to me." "I still can't understand what you mean," sighs Rupert. "All in good time," says the man as he goes to the dial and once again resets the pointers.

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Just arrived —

Rupert's New Adventure

RUPERT and the SNOW SPORTS

$1.00

Crisp Cotton Dress

By VERA WINSTON

HERE is one of the prettiest cotton dresses yet culled from the latest collections, forerunner of what we'll be favouring come summer. Woven red dots give verve to the fine white cotton of the dress, the colour scheme nicely reversed into white and red and concentrated in a band all the way down the front and on the pie-cut neckline that uses tab-ends sliding up to give a new look to the neck. The bodice is slim and the skirt is gathered and flared with a ruffly under hem.

Miss Mary Wong, the Junior and Senior Singles runner-up in action before her match with Miss Stella Correa at the CCC last night. Miss Wong was beaten by Miss Correa in straight sets of 11-3, 11-5 and in the Junior final she lost to Miss Diana Yung 11-7, 9-11, 8-11.—China Mail Photo.

HKFA Cancels European Tour At Meeting

The ways and means of improving the standard of refereeing in the Colony was discussed by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association at a meeting held at Sports Road yesterday.

The Koegeboldklub of Denmark, Roamer of Italy, a Swiss team and a Hungarian team all want to visit Hongkong. These requests have also been turned down, due to the fact that not dates are available.

A class for referees is to start in the near future, and a rule is to be laid down that all referees affiliated to the Hongkong Football Association must attend. An attempt to start such a class last year was made, but the experiment received very poor support.

Major Walker, Chairman of the Referees Association, proposed that the rotation system be abolished. Referees and linesmen will be selected by the Council.

A Committee is to be formed to redraft the referee's new registration form. One of the main items printed on these registration forms will be the note that all referees will abide by the rules of the Association.

Another proposal that all referees will undergo physical fitness tests, is under consideration.

Flt/Lt. Detheridge, the RAF representative on the Committee, addressed the meeting, emphasising the fact that the future of football in Hongkong lay in the hands of the ruling Council. He stated that from the little soccer he had seen in the Colony, Hongkong had a great soccer potential which could, in future, really test some of the best European teams. However, Flt/Lt. Detheridge continued, the players are going to be confused when pulled up for offences which ordinarily go unpunished. The standard in Hongkong can improve immensely or drop appallingly he stated. Council must think carefully on this subject for it is really a very serious matter.

TO WATCH GAMES

A proposal by Mr Leslie Channing, for recommendation to the incoming Committee, that two Council members be delegated to watch certain games, was accepted by the meeting. Pat. George added that the identity of the Council members attending the matches selected be kept secret.

A cable has been received from FIFA accepting Hongkong's entry for the forthcoming Olympic Games.

The Victory Shield soccer match scheduled for May 5, has been postponed to May 12.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to Mr Choy Wai-hung, Vice-President of the HKFA, on his recent sad bereavement.

The following were elected to the Charity Fund Allocation Sub-Committee: Mr L. Channing, Flt-Lt. Detheridge, and Mr K. K. Ip.

Messrs Low Bingham and Mathews were appointed Auditors for the coming season.

The next Council meeting of the HKFA will take place on Monday June 20.

The South China Athletic Association soccer team, winner of th coveted "double," was yesterday given the blessing of the Council to go on its proposed Australasian tour. Kwong Wah was also given permission to tour Singapore, Manila, Bangkok and Japan.

Due to financial difficulties, the HKFA were forced to turn down an invitation from the New Zealand Football Association, to send a team on tour.

A request from the S. V. Karlsruhe, a German Soccer Club at present third in the German championship tables and with many Internationals on the side, to play series of games in Hongkong, in June and July, was turned down by the HKFA.... the reasons given being, no dates and no players available (most of the local teams are going on tour).

Hongkong's proposed European tour has also been cancelled for the same reasons.

The annual dinner to players and the Press will take place at the Tai Tung Restaurant on May 31. All those referees who officiated during the schoolboy league will also been invited.

The draw for the Stanley Shield Seven-a-Side knockout tournament was made. Forty teams have entered this competition which gets under way at the Club ground on Monday May 9 commencing at 6 p.m.

The following is the complete draw and dates.

Monday, May 9
(6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v Eastern "B"; CMB v Police "A"; Tramways v Club "A"; South China "B" v Gymnastic; CAA v RL: Sing Tao "A" v RAF "B"; Army "A" v Kitchee "B"; Dairy Farm v Watsons.

Tuesday, May 10
(6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.)
Western v Sing Tao "B"; Hollandia v Police "B"; Taikoo v Navy; St. Joseph's "A" v Army "B"; KMB "C" v Eastern "A"; Kitchee "A" v RAMC; winner of Kwong Wah and Eastern "B" v w/o Police "A" and Tramways; w/o Tramways and Club "A" v w/o South China "B" and Gymnastic.

Wednesday, May 11
w/o Sing Tao "A" and RAF "B" v w/o CAA and RL; w/o Army "A" and Kitchee "B" v Dairy Farm and Watsons; KMB "B" v South China "A"; KMB "A" v Tamar; C & W v St. Joseph's "B"; MAF "A" v REME; Palace v Club "B"; Prisons v Jardines.

The Third Round of the tournament takes place on Saturday May 14 and the semi-finals and finals will be held at the Club ground on Sunday 15.

HKCC TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in the Second Division League match against the Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, May 7, on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground at 3.30 p.m.:—N. Heaton, T. W. R. Wilson, J. Wyper, F. Marshall; L. Chadwick-Kew, J.R. McAusland, F.C.B. Black, D. Trail; A. Duffy A.B. Coleman, L.M.S. Lloyd, F.D. Argus,

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

DOUBLES FOR S. K. WONG AND STELLA CORREA AT HKBA CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "TOUCHWOOD"

It took 19-year-old King's College student S. K. Wong three attempts before he realised his ambition of winning the Colony Junior Singles title. Last night, in less than an hour's playing time, he beat Wong Wai-hung, the Schoolboy Champion from St. Stephen's, winning by 15-7, 11-15, 15-11 at Craigengower Cricket Club.

To cap this performance, S. K. Wong went on to annex yet another title. This time it was the Junior Doubles in partnership with Sui Chuen. They beat the veterans, B. Brown and H. J. Xavier, winning by 15-12, 15-2.

Wai-hung was the last thing from being off form last night. He tried everything he knew but could find no weak link in S. K. Wong's armour.

But the real surprise personality of the tournament so far is Stella Correa. After a most unexpected victory over Helen Kwong in the Ladies' Senior Singles semi-final, she yesterday pocketed the title at the expense of a very much off form Mary Wong and then went on in carefree manner to take the Senior Doubles title in partnership with Helen Kwong against Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue. The winning margin was 15-8, 15-6.

Stella Correa was in complete control last night in the Ladies' Senior Singles final. Her speed on court contributed largely to her victories in both Singles and Doubles and she managed to dictate the pace of the game.

In the Senior Mixed Doubles final Junior Pomeroy and Miss B. Remedios provided the upset of the evening when they wrested the title from reigning Champion Ramon Young and his new partner, Miss Cinder Ho. The new Champions brushed aside the opposition to win the first set at 15-7.

There was still some fight left in Young and Miss Ho in the second, but Ramon Young committed far too many errors.

The Junior Men's Doubles final saw a lively point for point first set struggle, but in the next it was staying power that decided the issue. Brown and Xavier did manage to have things their way for a brief period, but the pace and the incessant attack on them by their younger and more forceful opponents took a heavy toll of their stamina. It came as no surprise that S. K. Wong and Sui Chuen won comfortably.

JUNIOR SINGLES

Wai-hung won the toss, took the service and won the first point when his opponent lobbed the shuttle out. Regaining service, Wai-hung took a 2-1 lead when S.K. Wong misjudged an incourt base lob. This turned out to be the last occasion that Wai-hung was in front in this set for when 3-2 down his adversary came into his own.

Scoring with smashes and delighting the spectators with an exhibition of net lobs, cross court cuts and deadly 20-foot drops to the base, S.K. Wong left Wai-hung behind to take the first set at 15-7.

S. K. Wong began the next game in promising fashion and was 6-3 ahead but in the next five minutes the unpredictable challenger crept up slowly but steadily, levelled the score and was 8-6 in front.

S. K. Wong made it eight-all, but back came the stubborn Wai-hung to take the score to 9-8 and then a well directed smash off the Champion's forehand saw the score evened again.

It took Wai-hung three services before he managed to reel off four points in a row to reach 13. A smash out and drop into the net by Wai-hung gave S. K. Wong two further points and that was all he could do, losing set at 11-15 for a rubber.

There was no stopping the Champion who was in irresistible form when both players took the court after the five minutes respite. After Wai-hung had scored the first point, S. K. Wong went about his title bid with commanding leads of 6-1, 7-2, and 12-4.

At this stage, when all seemed lost and hopeless for Wai-hung, he brought out his last ounce of energy, scoring point after point to stand threatening at 10-12. The spectators remained hushed, expecting the inevitable defeat of S. K. Wong who was on the verge of exhaustion.

I learned after the match from S. K. Wong himself the reason he allowed his opponent the points without making any attempt to stop Wai-hung. S. K. said: "I was winded in the three long rallies and there was no point for me, with a 12-4 lead, to try for the three vital points to clinch the issue. Instead, I just let the shuttle drop when it was too far out for me to retrieve. I just had to rest till I recovered."

This just goes to show that a player who uses his head in the crucial stages of the game can perform the impossible and this is a good pointer for junior players to take note of.

LADIES' SINGLES

Stella Correa was never at any stage threatened by her youthful opponent. She led 6-3, 9-3 to take the first set at 11-3.

In the next set Mary Wong practically handed the match and title to her opponent by hitting a succession of shots that either fell into the net or out of the court. Of Miss Correa's 11 points no fewer than nine were gift points. It was all over in less than 15 minutes and a new Champion was born.

In winning her second major title, Stella Correa had the benefit of the strongest support from her partner, Helen Kwong, whose powerful strokes and smashes were point winners from the start.

Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue who, incidentally, are this year's Junior Ladies' Doubles Champions, were not disgraced by their defeat last night. They played well and, as a matter of fact, their performance against the Misses Correa and Kwong were even better than that they put up to annex the Junior Doubles title last week.

The Junior pair played well, in particular Miss Chan, but they were beaten by a pair with years of experience behind them.

How well Miss Yung and Miss Chan played is shown in the close scores. In the opening set it was Miss Yung who took a 2-0 lead before the Champions levelled the score and went on to take a 8-3 lead. Scores were level again at 6-6 and 8-8 after which Miss Correa and Miss Kwong took set at 11-8. It was the same story all over again in the second and last set with Miss Yung and Miss Chan making the Champions fight for their points before bowing out.

DISAPPOINTING

The Senior Mixed Doubles final was the most disappointing of the night. It was expected to be the highlight of the finals. And it turned out to be just the reverse. With Ramon Young entirely off form there was nothing he could do to break the smooth combination of Pomeroy and Miss Remedios.

It was to Miss Remedios' credit that Pomeroy was able to concentrate on Young, for she patrolled the net without giving Ramon Young a chance to get her on the wrong foot.

It was Young who took a 5-1 lead at the start but the eventual Champions came back, evened matters and went ahead to 10-8. Young took another point with a smash to the sidelines, but that was all he was able to do.

The next set was a rout. Pomeroy was a demon at the baseline and he drew Young out of position to deliver the kill. Time and again Young was caught with Pomeroy's overhead smash to the side of the net and in next to no time Pomeroy and Miss Remedios won the Mixed Doubles title with scores of 15-7, 15-4.

S. K. Wong won the toss and he chose to serve, but a smash out by his partner gave Brown and Xavier the service. It was 1-1, 3-2 for Brown as his fast counter strokes caught the schoolboy pair.

But then both S. K. Wong and Sui Chuen got into their stride and on one service Wong shot ahead to 5-3 but his erratic partner committed a series of mistakes for their opponents to level the score.

A long base to base and a couple of hard smashes by Wong saw him forging ahead at 7-5 but back came Brown and Xavier to tie the score.

It was 9-9 and 12-12 before Wong and Sui Chuen reached 13 and from then onwards it was theirs all the way and they took set at 15-12.

Wong and Sui Chuen proved their superiority in the next set. They took leads of 4-0 and 8-0 before Xavier broke the duck with a smash to Sui Chuen's body. Wong and Sui Chuen took set and match at 15-2 for the Junior Doubles title.

Three more finals will be decided tonight at Craigengower. These are the Junior Mixed Doubles between George Ma and Miss Diana Yung and S. K. Wong and Miss Chan Yuen-yue; the Senior Men's Singles between Ramon Young and Bill Funk and the Senior Open Doubles with Robert Tay and Patrick Wong against Dr K. S. Low and Junior Pomeroy.

THE CHAMPIONS

Junior Men's Singles: S. K. Wong. Runner-up: Wong Wai-hung.

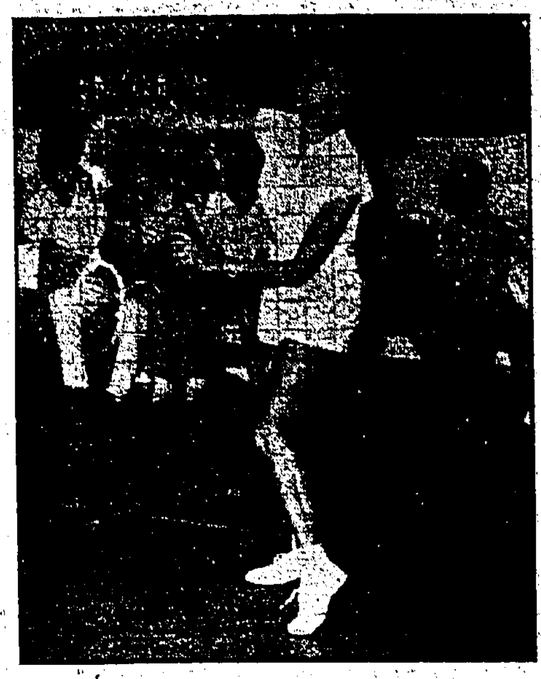
Junior Men's Doubles: S. K. Wong and Sui Chuen. Runners-up: B. Brown and H. J. Xavier.

Senior Ladies' Singles: Miss Stella Correa. Runner-up: Miss Mary Wong.

Senior Ladies' Doubles: Misses Helen Kwong and Stella Correa. Runners-up: Misses Diana Yung and Chan Yuen-yue.

Senior Mixed Doubles: Junior Pomeroy and Miss B. Remedios. Runners-up: Ramon Young and Miss Cinder Ho.

S. K. Wong (left) and Wong Wai-hung pictured before the final of the Junior Men's Singles at Craigengower last night. S. K. Wong won 15-7, 11-15, 15-11.—China Mail Photo.



Miss Stella Correa, the newly crowned Ladies' Open Singles and Doubles Champion, displaying her smash in her match against Miss Mary Wong in the final. Miss Correa won 11-3, 11-5.—China Mail Photo.

EDDY CHOONG PICKS WONG AS THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE PLAYER

Singapore, May 2.

Wong Peng-soon of Malaya was placed at the top of the World's greatest badminton players on Sunday in a list made up by compatriot Eddie Choong who has recently played in all the major badminton playing countries.

Eddie, who returned here from London via the United States to help Malaya defend the Thomas Cup on June 4 and 5, has won 115 national and international titles in the past five years he has been away from the country.

In the recent All-England championships, Peng-soon beat Eddie in the final after three well contested sets. Eddie told newsmen here that he placed Peng-soon as the world's No. 1 because "he has the ability to cope with all styles and adapt himself to varying conditions."

Eddie also spoke highly of the United States national champion, Joe Alston, who beat him in the recent United States National Championships.

Placing Alston third in the list, Eddie said, "Joe is fast and has a fast cross-court drop. He relies on his quick reflexes and appears to be pressing all the time on his opponent."

Eddie's choice of the top players is as follows:

Wong Peng-soon (Malaya); Eddie Choong (Malaya); Joe Alston (U.S.A.); Finn Knobbero (Denmark); Nandu Natekar (India); Ong Poh-lim (Malaya); Bertil Glans (Sweden); Ferry Sonneville (Indonesia) and David Choong (Malaya).

Speaking of the Thomas Cup competition, Eddie gave four reasons why Malaya should retain the Cup next month:

1.—Malaya will be playing at the home ground;

2.—The challengers will have to contend with the tropical Malayan climate;

3.—The Malayan team has an all-round strength—both in the singles and in the doubles;

4.—The challenging teams, including the United States, India and Denmark, shall be top heavy.—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Memorial Cup replay: H.K. Chinese v Combined Services, Club ground. 8.30 p.m.

Tennis
Men's "B" Div.: PRC v KCC (2); KTGCA (1) v KTGCA (2); CRC (3) v IRC; LRC v OCSRC (2); CRC (1) v PORC; CCC v KCC (1); CCSRC v CRC (2).
Mixed "B" Div.: KCC v Urban Council; CRC v SCAA; CCC (2) v CCC (1).

Badminton
Colony Badminton Championships and prize giving at CCC.

TOMORROW

Tennis
Men's "A" Div.: CRC v UC; SCAA v HKCC.
Ladies "B" Div.: LRC (1) v KGV; CCC v LRC (2); HKU v SCAA; KCC v CRC.

THURSDAY

Soccer
Victory Shield Final: Combined Chinese v Combined Services (CH) 8.30 p.m.
Exhibition: Veterans of Australia Tours v REME (CH) 7.15 p.m.
Div. 2: Runners-up play-off (Club) 6 p.m.

Tennis
Men's "B" Div.: KCC v CCC (1); KTGCA v HKU; HKCC v CRC; Recreio v RAF; LRC v CCC (2); CCSRC v SCAA.
Ladies "A" Div.: LRC v USRC (1); Recreio v USRC (2).

FRIDAY

Meeting
HKAAA 50th Executive Committee Meeting, Education Dept. 5.15 p.m.
Fencing
Colony Senior Foil Championships, European YMCA 6 p.m.
Hockey
Annual Dinner-Dance at Peninsula Hotel commencing at 8 p.m.

League Socer Results

London, May 2.

Association Football results:

LEAGUE DIVISION I

Huddersfield	2	Cardiff	0
Sheffield U	6	Portsmouth	2

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Nottingham	1	West Ham	1
Rotherham	6	Liverpool	1

LEAGUE III SOUTH

Brentford	1	Newport	0
Coventry	5	Queen's P R	1
Millwall	2	Exeter City	2
Shrewsbury	1	Gillingham	1
Walsall	4	Southend	1

LEAGUE III NORTH

Bradford	2	Tranmere	1
Chesterfield	3	Rochdale	1
Oldham	1	Halifax T.	2
Southport	1	Hartlepools	0
York City	1	Barrow	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION 'B'

Albion R.	3	Dundee	2
Queen's Park	1	Sten'muir	1

—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Egypt Subdues Turkey To Enter 2nd Round

Istanbul, May 2.

Egypt gained a winning lead of 3-1 when they took the first of two singles which today ended their Davis Cup European Zone first round tie against Turkey here.

They meet India in the second round.

Today Adel (Egypt) beat Nagmi Bari (Turkey) 6-4, 4-6, 10-8, 6-4.

Previously Egypt had won two singles and lost the doubles.

Egypt also won the final singles, V. Bedreddin beating Engin Balash (Turkey) 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 to win the whole tie by 4-1.

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Vienna, May 2.

Austria, who already held a winning lead and had thereby qualified to meet Britain in the next stage, consolidated her supremacy over Finland in the first round of the Davis Cup (European Zone) today winning the tie 5-0.

In today's remaining singles, Franz Saiko (Austria) beat A. Nyysoenen (Finland) 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 and Fred Huber (Austria) beat Sakari Salo 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

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Lisbon, May 2.

Czechoslovakia won the two remaining singles to complete a 5-0 rout of Portugal in their Davis Cup (European Zone) first round tie here today.

They now meet Belgium.

Results: J. Zabrodsksay (Czech) beat Jose Da Silva (Portugal) 6-4, 6-2, 6-0, J. Javorsky (Czech) beat David Cohen (Portugal) 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

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Belgrade, May 2.

Chile, already holding a winning lead, took the two remaining singles against Yugoslavia at Karlovac (Croatia) today to win their Davis Cup first round European Zone tie by 5-0.

Results: Luis Ayala (Chile) beat Vladimir Petrovic (Yugoslavia) 6-0, 5-4, 6-3, Andres Hammersley (Chile) beat Ladislav Jagec (Yugoslavia) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Chile will meet Hungary in the next round.—Reuter.

Fanling Golf

G.O.W. Stewart (77—3=Nett 69) won the Monthly Bogey competition played over the Old Course during the weekend with a return of one up, D. Shaw being runner-up with two down.

The New Course Bogey competition resulted in a tie between A. F. Sutcliffe (74—6=Nett 68) and H. W. E. Heath (76—8=Nett 68) both players returning cards showing two up. A. F. Sutcliffe being declared winner for his return of three up over the last nine-holes against two up scored by H. W. E. Heath. Third place on this Course was occupied by E. C. Drown (84—14=Nett 70) who returned an "all square" card.

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D. Shaw won the play-off for the April Captain's Cup Qualifier with a Nett 73.

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D. M. Kowalke was the winner of the April qualifier for this Mid-week Cup with a return of 80—14=Nett 66. A. V. White being runner-up with Nett 73 and Major P. V. Huyshe was in third place with a Nett 74.

SHEK-O GOLF

The Barry Cup was won by Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle who defeated Mrs D. Taggart by 4 and 2 in the final played last week at Shek-O.

The bogey competition last Thursday was won by Mrs M. E. Clearey with a score of 2 down. Mrs Cleary tied with Mrs Backe but won through having the better score on the last nine holes.

The winners of the running bogey competition for March/April were—

Silver Division Mrs M. Neale 4 up.

Bronze Division Mrs A. Vaes 6 up.

The guest day competition which was to be held on Thursday, May 19, has been postponed until Thursday, May 26, and the return match against the ladies of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be played at Shek-O on May 19.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

These horses are worth noting next time out

DEMOCRATIC IS IRISH SPRINT HOPE

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Several horses who have run during the past four weeks are worth noting for the future. The unluckiest loser I saw was undoubtedly Spinster's Folly, trained by Joe Lawson at Newmarket.

This well-bred colt was placed only once in seven races last season but was backed in the Berkshire Handicap at Newbury from 6-1 to 3-1. He looked the part in the paddock.

In a large field, Spinster's Folly had a rough passage before entering the straight and, with four furlongs to go, there were only about six horses behind him. Once in line for home he was able to get clear of all trouble and made good progress.

However, it was too late to get in touch with the leaders and, although he finished well, Eph Smith wisely did not overdrive him.

Spinster's Folly should win next time out.

At the same meeting Epsom trainer Staff Ingham ran a nice two-year-old named SUNNINGDALE, a son of Solonaway, who is doing well with his runners.

BACKWARD, BUT—

It was obvious in the paddock that Sunningdale was backward but he ran through some beaten horses in pleasing style in the final furlong. It will not be long before Sunningdale is in the winning enclosure.

THEME is another future winner who ran at Newbury. It was the first appearance on the racecourse for this beautifully-bred filly, who is by Precipitation from a Hyperion mare.

Theme ran third to Feria and Minstrel Queen and, although she weakened close home, this was due to inexperience rather than any inability to stay.

I shall be interested in her next appearance as she has the makings of a useful filly.

In the same race I was impressed with VERMILION O'TOOLE. When trained by Paddy Prendergast last season, this filly was considered little short of the top class and won her only race.

NOT DISGRACED

This Newbury effort was only her second outing. Vermilion O'Toole has progressed the right way physically and was far from disgraced in the race in which she finished fifth.

Prendergast sent DEMOCRATIC over for the Severals Stakes last week at Newmarket and, although this colt was beaten a neck by Vilmoray, he will still have to be considered in sprint championship races this season.

Democratic has done really well during the winter, though he still looked backward and will obviously be better for the race. His next objective in England will be the King's Stand Stakes at Ascot.

He did not enjoy an altogether clear run but, in Vilmoray, he was up against one of the best sprinters in training. It was a good performance for a three-year-old so early in the season.

Two two-year-olds who should pay to follow are Henley and Gold Spangle. Both are bred to be very fast.

BY FOXHUNTER

No horse in the Free Handicap field has done better physically since last season than SOLON MORN. He won two races, one over a mile, and this was due to the influence of his dam, who was by Foxhunter.

In the Free Handicap he was always going well but, needing the outing, just lacked the necessary speed for a winning run. Should benefit considerably by the race and looks all set for a most successful season.

FULL AHEAD also won two races last season, but they were over five furlongs. As they passed the bushes nothing was going better but he failed to stay on. Five furlongs may prove to be his proper course, though six furlongs may not prove beyond him. He is sure to win races in the right company.

Other horses worth attention are: Blue Blazes, Bois Merida, Minstrel Gallery, Montauk and Steel Gate.

—(London Express Service)

Olympic Sprinter Announces Retirement

London, May 2.

Ken Jones, 33-year-old Welsh rugby international and Olympic sprinter, has decided to retire from athletics. He announced his decision today, but said he would continue to play rugby next season.

Jones, one of Wales' outstanding sportsmen since the war, was the only runner from Britain to reach the final of the Empire Games 100 yards in Vancouver last year.—China Mail Special.

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TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

Play For The Difficult Snooker

The importance of seeing what angles the balls make on the cushion on the table you are using is essential for the laying of snookers. Far too many amateur players use the easy method in laying a snooker when a little study of angles could produce something far more effective.

For example, a snooker is so often laid simply by running off one ball to finish behind another. This is all right if the balls are reasonably close together, but when they are some distance apart you need more cunning than that if your opponent is to be badly snookered.

If you require a snooker when playing from the position illustrated in Diagram 'A', what would you do?

Many would simply content themselves with contacting the blue on the right-edge of centre and getting the white-ball, with the use of right-hand side, to come away from the bottom cushion to finish behind the pink.

This mode of play would be unwise. Firstly, it is difficult to assess precisely the speed required to put the cue-ball behind the pink; secondly, the blue, after leaving the bottom cushion, could easily finish over the middle right-hand pocket and thus be nicely placed for your opponent.

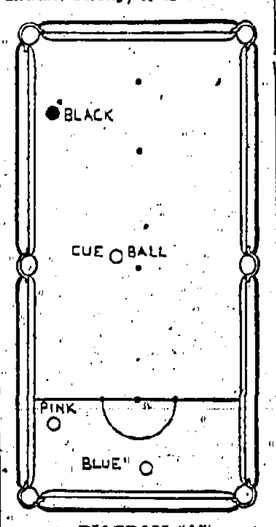

DIAGRAM "A"

So now look at Diagram 'B'. Here you will see that I address the cue-ball a little to the left-edge of centre and aim at the left-edge of centre on the blue, play the stroke with reasonable speed so that I cut the blue on to the bottom cushion and come away to finish behind the pink as shown by Line XA. In the meantime, the white ball comes away from the bottom cushion to make contact with the bottom right-hand side cushion and then travels up the table to the top cushion to come away to finish behind the black in the vicinity of XB.

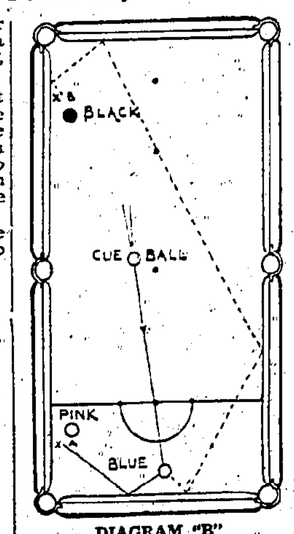

DIAGRAM "B"

You will notice that both the pink and the black have been put to good use for gaining a snooker and at the same time a greater margin of error is possible than by simply running off the blue to finish behind the pink.

Set the balls up in this position and practise the strokes I have described. You will be surprised how fascinating and simple they really are.

THIS YEAR'S CUP FINAL PROMISES TO BE THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME

Says TOM FINNEY

Less than a week to the Cup Final. And what a relief it is to the players, when the long weary days of waiting are over, and at last they walk out on to the Wembley turf.

I don't know what you think about the Final this year, but I think it could be one of the greatest of all time. I'm not saying it will be because Wembley nerves can play such a big part in the proceedings. I am not forgetting that last year Preston and West Bromwich Albion were playing so well that everybody thought it would be a wonderful match.

Len Millard, the West Bromwich captain, said before we trooped out: "All the best, Tom. I hope we can make it a game to remember."

Well West Bromwich deservedly won the Cup, but I'm sure they would agree with me that both they and Preston had played much better games in the League.

However, this year there is such a contrast in the styles of Newcastle United and Manchester City that with the right sort of luck they could provide a feast of football.

Experience can count for a great deal at Wembley, but when you look through the teams they are, I would say, evenly matched in this department.

NEWCASTLE have Simpson, Cowell, Scoular, Mitchell, Milburn and Broadis, all of whom have had experience of Wembley or international matches.

MANCHESTER CITY have Meadows, Paul, Clarke, Revie and Bobby Johnstone who have also played at Wembley or in international matches.

It is true that none of the City players has actually been in a Cup Final before, but they have enough experienced heads in the side not to be overawed by the occasion.

TEAM PLAY OR TACTICS?

The question is are Newcastle going to perform the incredible feat of winning the Cup three times in five years? They can, because when they turn on the heat, they are quite capable of beating the best sides in the country. Their League record is not so consistent as their performances in the Cup, but when you have a strong attacking wing-half like Jimmy Scoular to buttress fast raids by forwards like Mitchell and Milburn, then the best defences in the country need to be more than careful.

My reading of the Final is this: It's a duel between City's cultured team play, and Newcastle's dynamic individuals like Milburn and Mitchell.

The spacious arena at Wembley is ready made for Don Revie's wanderings. And the turf is so perfect it should suit the City's accurate passing.

On the other hand Bobby Mitchell, who in my view is still one of the greatest left-wingers in Great Britain, is a clever enough ball player to win the match on his own.

As for Jack Milburn—who can forget the 1951 Cup Final, when Blackpool, on peak form, were playing good cultured football and suddenly Milburn went through like a train in a 50 yards dash to shoot the ball past George Farm into the Blackpool goal? In the second half the ball was back heeled by Ernie Taylor to Jackie Milburn, who promptly crashed the ball into the back of the net with another of his long range specials. That's the sort of player Milburn is.

That's why there's no need for me to warn the experienced City players to look out for Milburn and Mitchell. They are both match-winners in their own right, and can change the trend of a game in one blinding run.

But I must say City are the form team. If there were a series of challenge matches between the teams then, I think City would be the winners. There is an unruffled ease about their passing which sets the best of defences a tricky problem. With Revie in the forward line, they have a wonderful tactical schemer, and the wee Scot Bobby Johnstone is another superb ball player who can, on his day, cut a defence to ribbons.

I wouldn't care to pin myself by saying outright who is going to win, but if the City team click, as they can click, then they *should* win the Cup.

WEMBLEY NERVES

However, their style of play depends on every man fitting neatly into the scheme. One man afflicted by Wembley nerves could disrupt the whole machine.

Both teams have been wise, I think, in taking their players away from the home-town crowds, who, if they aren't pestering for tickets, are always asking "Do you think you are going to win the Cup?"

It's very nice to stay at home, if the fans would only leave you alone. But it's only human that the fans want to be near the Finalists.

I see that Newcastle are going to Brighton and Manchester City are going to Eastbourne.

Last year the Preston side stayed at Weybridge. We didn't go down until the Wednesday, and what a relief it was to play golf, or walk around the grounds of our Cup headquarters. We tried not to talk about the game, and of course with a humorist like Tommy Docherty in our party much of the pre-match tension was eased.

WAITING—AND LOSING

You have no idea how Cup Final fever can grip the best of players. I recall Frank Swift once telling me that when Manchester City last won the Cup in 1934 Alex Herd, City's Scottish international inside-forward, sat in the dressing room reading detective stories. His air of complete relaxation, enabled young Frank Swift to forget a lot of his pre-match worries.

It is an ordeal, too, waiting in the tunnel to go out. You would be surprised how players of both teams try to reassure each other and talk as though it was an ordinary League game.

Then when you walk out and the thunderous cheers greet you, your stomach starts to turn over again....

Having finished on the losing side in a Final, I know what a dreadful feeling that can be, too. You wait below the Royal Box as the victors go up for the Cup. Then you follow. . . . And that walk back to the dressing rooms seems miles. You almost wish the ground would open and swallow you up! Still, that feeling goes, and it has been a wonderful experience to play in the Final.

I wish the Newcastle and Manchester City players all the luck in the world. One of these great teams must lose, but I do sincerely hope they give us a Final to remember—the sort of classic match which they are both capable of playing to wind up this sensational season.

I can't sign off without congratulating Chelsea on their magnificent performance in winning the League Championship. I told Roy Bentley, their skipper, early in the season: "You're good enough to win the Cup, Roy."

That was because Chelsea's tireless enthusiasm and grand team spirit seemed to be the qualities required in a Cup winning team. Well, Chelsea rather surprisingly I thought, got knocked out of the Cup. But they never flagged, and have now won the Championship in their Jubilee Year. I am particularly happy for the sake of their manager, Ted Drake, who has inspired his team with his own bulldog spirit.

Oh! by the way, as Preston aren't in the Final, I thought my Cup Final ticket problems would be over. Last year I had over 300 begging letters. Believe it or not I've had 60 this year. ... It's a problem, isn't it?

THIS WEEK'S COACHING HINT:

With hard grounds to play on, I don't think enough footballers experiment with their foot gear. On hard grounds I believe short studs or bars are best. When I was serving in the Middle East, I found on those firm sandy pitches that bars were ideal for balance and covering the ground. More important still, I didn't suffer any foot ailments.

If a player can afford it, I would advise him to try some of the light-weight Continental boots. I bought a pair in Rio some years ago. They were so light that some of the lads used to ask, "Are you playing in your dancing pumps today, Tom?" I had two seasons good wear out of them under all sorts of conditions. Try a pair of these lighter boots for hard conditions . . . you will find it makes a tremendous difference to your game.

England's Soccer Tour In May Upsets Clubs' Programme

Says ARCHIE QUICK

England's Soccer tour of Portugal, Spain and France in May is causing some concern among the clubs who have arranged tours and who have had players selected for the International trip.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, for instance, want to go to Moscow and play a return match with their old rivals, the Spartak Club. But they do not fancy facing the might of the Russians without Bert Williams in goal, no Dennis Wilshaw in the forward line, and with a half back line-up deprived of the services of Billy Wright and Ron Flowers! A bit of a one-sided match it would be, I should say.

Again Chelsea are booked for a Continental jaunt to Switzerland, but they will not have captain Roy Bentley, full back Peter Sillet or left winger Frank Blunstone. What is more the clubs the Wolves and the League champions are due to play are, not unreasonably, insisting that the stars shall be on parade—or else!

The Swiss fans want to see these Internationals, and if they are not in the party they are not keen on the match. The alternative of postponing the tours until later in the summer is discountenanced because of the physical strain of an all-the-year-round season it would impose upon the players concerned.

MANCHESTER CITY

Manchester City, too, are contracted to play games in Western Germany, but they will be without full back Jimmy Meadows and roving centre forward Don Revie—chosen "The Footballer of the Year" by the critics for his successful exploitation of the new Soccer system of deep-lying centre forward play. In addition, a third Manchester City man, Bobby Johnstone, is wanted for Scotland's tour behind the Iron Curtain to Yugo-Slavia, Hungary and Austria.

Overseas clubs may object, League clubs may revolt, but the Football Association have the last word. And really the clubs like their players to win International "caps." Equally so, these May tours are necessary, for after all they are only repaying visits made to England by the Continental sides.

These International games are essential to the continuance of the game even if they are not the life-blood of it. England needs foreign sides at Wembley, therefore she must go abroad to balance the debt.

Referee Stops Boxing Contest

Sydney, May 2.

Pat Ford, Australian Lightweight Champion, beat Don McTaggart, Scottish Champion, here tonight, the referee stopping the 12 rounds contest in the final round.

McTaggart, making his first ring appearance in Australia, received heavy punishment in the closing stage before the referee intervened.—China Mail Special.

BRITISH DAVIS CUP TEAM

London, May 2.

The British lawn tennis team to meet Austria in the second round of the Davis Cup competition in Vienna between May 13 and 15 was announced today. The British players are Roger Becker, A. J. Mottram, G. L. Paish and R. K. Wilson.—France-Presse.

WORLD SPRINT RELAY RECORD

Dallas, May 2.

The University of Texas relay team equalled the world record for four by 110 yards here on Saturday when they clocked 40.5 seconds.

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VIENNA IS GOING GAY

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The U.S. especially, and also Britain, are expected to be extremely chary of any such commitment.

In addition, the new war reparations trade deal with Russia in the way of 10,000,000 tons of Austrian crude oil, delivered over a period of years and other goods to the total value of slightly over £58,000,000 is obviously effectively aimed at linking this country's economy very much with the East to the detriment of Austria's eventual trade with the West.

This has many Austrian Government economists, as well as industrialists and private business men, very concerned.

Nevertheless, with typical light-heartedness but always elegant abandon, little of all this is bothering the average Wiener.

He is busy day-dreaming how he can best help put back the bubbles into the champagne that was once his city and his natural birthright—and always, of course, take out a few bubbles, too, in the form of a neatly and effortlessly earned schilling or groschen.

TRACK WAS FOUR YARDS SHORT

Cambridge May 2.

Because the track was four yards short, Brian Hewson's time of two minutes 56 seconds for three-quarters of a mile here on April 11 will not be ratified.

This was the fastest ever recorded over the distance which is not recognised for world record purposes.

Roger Bannister's two-minutes 56.3 seconds stands as an English native record. The previous world best was two minutes 56.6 seconds by A. Andersen of Sweden in 1944.—China Mail Special.

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DEATHS

IP—Ip Hung Wu, aged 30, passed away 2:45 a.m. May 3, 1955 at St. Paul's Hospital. Now reposing at the International Funeral Parlour. Encoffining at 4.30 p.m. today, funeral passing Monument at 5.30 p.m. to the Catholic Cemetery.

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Colonial Ghosts Will Walk In Nova Scotia

Washington, May 2.

Ghosts of a long-past Colonial era will walk again this summer in the apple blossom country of Nova Scotia.

The historic town of Annapolis Royal, nestling in the rich basin of the Annapolis River, celebrates, this year, the 350th birthday of one of the first European settlements planted north of the Gulf of Mexico.

The original colony, called Port Royal, was set up in 1605 on the north bank of the river. Older than Jamestown (Virginia), it was abandoned, reoccupied, destroyed, and finally rebuilt some 30 years later on the south side. The present town grew out of the second Port Royal.

STORMS OF VIOLENCE

Storms of violence raged about each young settlement in turn. Probably no other spot in America was more fought over than this peaceful-looking countryside in the idyllic land which the French called Acadia.

The Port Royal story began when a distinguished party of French colonists and fur seekers, led by Sieur de Monts, chose the sheltered Annapolis basin off the Bay of Fundy as headquarters for a big trade concession granted by Henry IV.

Among Monts' associates was Samuel de Champlain, destined to be one of the great American explorers. Another was Marc Lescarbot, Paris lawyer and poet, who presented at Port Royal a dramatic pageant which has gone down in history as North America's first stage performance.

The pioneers amused themselves by forming the "Order of the Good Time" northern America's first recorded social club. But already, their undertaking was in trouble. In 1607, the French monarch cancelled Monts' fur monopoly and the colony was forced to disband.

Reoccupied in 1610, the community was destroyed three years later by the British mariner and adventurer, Samual Argall. The assault drew the first blood in the long French-English struggle for the New World. England's bid for Acadia as New Scotland—Nova Scotia—got under way in the 1620's. Although the name stuck, the attempted colonisation failed, and Acadia and Port Royal were returned to France in 1632.

After the second Port Royal was built in 1635, the scene changed, but not the pattern of events. Each time the British captured this capital of New France, they lost it at European conference tables.

RENAMED

New England troops won the final round in 1710. Port Royal was renamed Annapolis Royal in honour of Queen Anne, and served for the next four decades as Nova Scotia's seat of government.

Meanwhile, there were still pirate raids, thrusts by the French and Indians, and one more drama to be enacted. In 1755, the exiling of the French Acadians to Louisiana and elsewhere brought Annapolis valley its share of the tragedy immortalised in Longfellow's "Evangeline."

Today's visitors find many reminders of the past. In the Fort Anne National Historical Park at Annapolis Royal, stands the French fort captured in 1710. Nearby can be seen the old British officers' quarters, with an Acadian room transferred bodily from an abandoned homestead.

An exact replica of the "Habitation" of Monts and Champlain has been built on the original Port Royal site, complete with cooking fireplaces, handworked timbers and ironware, well shelter and pigeon cote.—China Mail Special.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
By Air

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Mauritius & S. Africa, 9 a.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
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Indo-China, 6 p.m.
By Surface
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China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Thailand, noon.
Japan, Hawaii, USA., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.

New French Airliner Has First Flight

The prototype of a new French airliner, Caravelle, capable of carrying 70 passengers at 770 km per hour, recently made its first flight near Toulouse-Blagnac. The feature of this new machine are the jet engines placed almost at the tail.—Central Press Photo.

5,000 Sapphires Built By Curtiss-Wright

Curtiss-Wright, the American aero-engine manufacturers, have now delivered to the US Forces 5,000 *J65* jet engines.

The *J65* is the British Armstrong Siddeley *Sapphire* built under licence in the United States. The latest mark of the engine delivers 10,200 lb of static thrust, and service versions are popular because of their low specific fuel consumption.

Curtiss-Wright bought the licence to make *Sapphires* less than five years ago. Production began in 1952, and the output rate now is more than 250 a month—substantial evidence of the suitability of the *Sapphire* to large-scale production.

The list of British and foreign constructors who have chosen this Armstrong Siddeley engine for their aircraft includes Avro, Gloster, Handley Page, English Electric, North American, Lockheed, Douglas, Martin, Grumman, Republic, and the French Breguet and SNCASO.

The *Sapphire* has been installed in one English and two American aircraft which are supersonic in level flight. The fact that deliveries of these aircraft to Service squadrons are still some way off means that the *Sapphire* will be extensively used for years to come.

Cannon-Firing

In recent weeks a *Sapphire*-powered fighter has flown 2,400 miles at 652 mph in the United States, and in Great Britain another has done successful cannon-firing trials at more than 50,000 feet, nearly ten miles up.

Another indication of the *Sapphire's* importance in fighter design comes from Switzerland, where the first all-Swiss jet fighter, the *P16*, is expected to fly soon. Because of Switzerland's small area and mountainous terrain her fighter aircraft need rapid climb and good take-off performance. The *Sapphire* has been chosen to ensure that the *P16* can meet this requirement.

"George", as aircrews call an automatic pilot, has a new look. He has been brought right up to date by Smiths as the *S.E.P.2* electronic autopilot. First installed in a Vickers *Viscount* for the Canadian Department of Transport, the *S.E.P.2* underwent a stiff test early in its career with a 3,300 mile non-stop trans-Atlantic flight to deliver the aircraft to Montreal.

Before the delivery flight could be made, the *S.E.P.2* had to win approval from the Air Registration Board. The trials showed that the new autopilot can make fully automatic approaches to as low as 200 feet, before the human pilot must take over.

The *S.E.P.2* smooths out any tendency of the aircraft to move off course, and maintains the desired height and heading indefinitely. If the human pilot wants to make a turn at a certain rate, he sets the rate on the 'black box' of the *S.E.P.2*, and the rest is done for him automatically. Aileron and rudder movements are co-ordinated by the *S.E.P.2* so that "George's" turn is as professional as that of a crack pilot. The autopilot can also follow instructions from the ground sent out by an airport control tower, when visual omnirange or instrument landing system equipment is in use.

In the design of the *S.E.P.2*, thermionic valves have been eliminated, because they are sensitive to vibration. Instead, magnetic amplifiers have been used, giving increased reliability.

The new autopilot has been selected as standard equipment on the later *Viscounts*, and for the long-range Bristol *Britannia*, of the type ordered by the British Overseas Airways Corporation for its transatlantic routes.

Living Costs Cut

Four of the largest hangars in Great Britain, at London Airport, have been fitted with photocell units which automatically control the lighting used, switching off as soon as daylight makes electricity wasteful. Should fog or low cloud make the hangars dark during the day, the system switches on lighting so that a uniform level of illumination is maintained all the clock round.

The hangars are used by the British Overseas Airways Corporation for the maintenance of its large fleet of aircraft. Each is fitted with daylight monitoring units supplied by the General Electric Company; they are installed on a girder under the glass roof of the hangar. The monitoring unit consists of a photocell which transmits signals varying in strength with the amount of light falling on it. The signals are then amplified and used to operate a relay. The lighting switches in turn are worked by the relay.

Minor variations in the natural light, such as occur at dawn and dusk, are controlled by the circuit to prevent too frequent alternating action of the switches. The relays can be set to act at any desired degree of daylight.

Each monitoring unit comes into action at a different degree of daylight, and each controls one-third of the artificial lighting available. As daylight fades, first, one, then a second and finally the last section of the interior lighting is brought into use. Consequently the light on the hangar floor, where work is in progress, remains virtually constant, and wastage of current is eliminated.

New Instruments

Latest developments in the all-important field of scientific instruments will be shown to the public at the Physical Society's exhibition, which opened at the New Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society in London yesterday.

Perhaps the most intriguing exhibits will be two electronic 'brains', instruments which do the work of many skilled mathematicians at high speed. For example, Elliott Brothers of London, are showing a small general purpose electronic 'brain', technically known as an analogue computer, which is particularly suited to the performance of calculations necessary in the design of aircraft control systems.

The data needed to start the solution of a problem are set on interchangeable panels, which are made so that they can be plugged into the machine. This makes it possible to prepare a new problem while another is still being solved.

The computer is built from a number of standard units, such amplifiers, which are similar to those used for a huge computer recently installed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

Another computer on show is the Ferranti medium-sized machine called 'Pegasus', designed for a wide range of scientific and industrial research problems. Standardised plug-in units ensure that replacement and maintenance are simplified as far as possible. It has a 'memory' of 4,096 words, which are stored on a magnetic drum.

UNTOUCHABLE BILL PASSED

New Delhi, May 2.

India's Council of States today unanimously passed a bill making it an offence to treat anyone as untouchable.

The Bill was passed through the House of the People last week and now goes to the President for assent.

It makes offenders liable to six months' imprisonment and a 500 rupee (about £38) fine for the first offence with compulsory imprisonment for the second offence.

There are about 50 million people who belong to classes formerly called Untouchables who were forced to live outside Hindu society because they were considered unclean by caste Hindus.

Untouchability was banned by the Indian constitution of 1950 and they are called scheduled castes or Harijans. This means Children of God and is the name given to them by Mahatma Gandhi.—Reuter.

Cobra As A Pillow 'Mate

Johannesburg, May 2.

Thirteen-year-old Eric O'Neill of Johannesburg is not frightened of poisonous snakes. But other people are, and when he frightened a young girl with his four foot pet cobra, the police ordered it to be destroyed.

The snake which still had its poison fangs used to sleep with Eric curled up on his pillow. He said: "Snakes bite people because people do not know how to treat them. Know how to treat them and they will never harm you."

Eric is over his grief now. Taking a more practical viewpoint he has decided to dry out the skin and hopes to sell it to some shoe manufacturer.—France-Presse.

Trade Unions Meet In Moscow

London, May 2.

A delegation of Japanese trade unions headed by the Treasurer of the General Council Uositaka Katagawa, and a trade union delegation from Iceland headed by I. Gudmundsson, arrived in Moscow today, the Soviet news agency, Tass, said.

A delegation of the Belgian railwaymen's union has also flown to Moscow.

All trade union delegations will be the guests of the Central Council of the Soviet Trade Unions.—Reuter.

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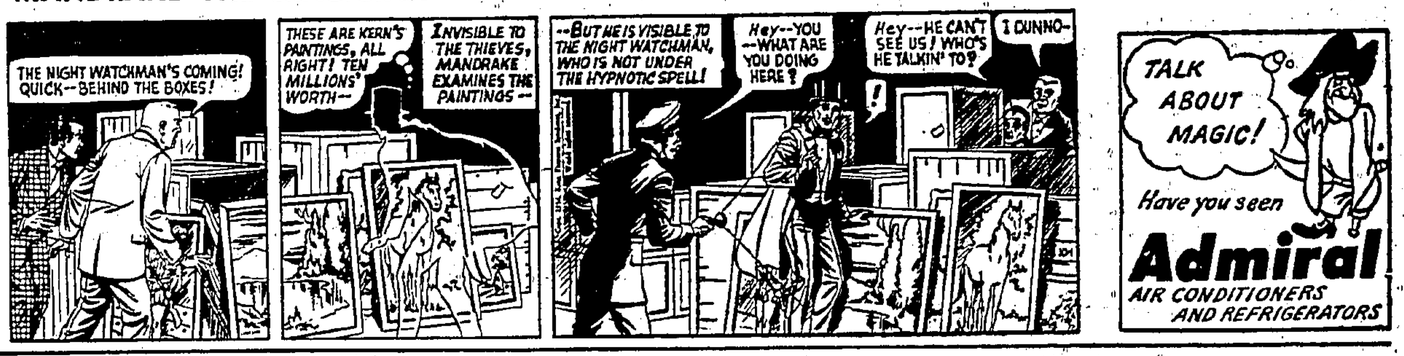

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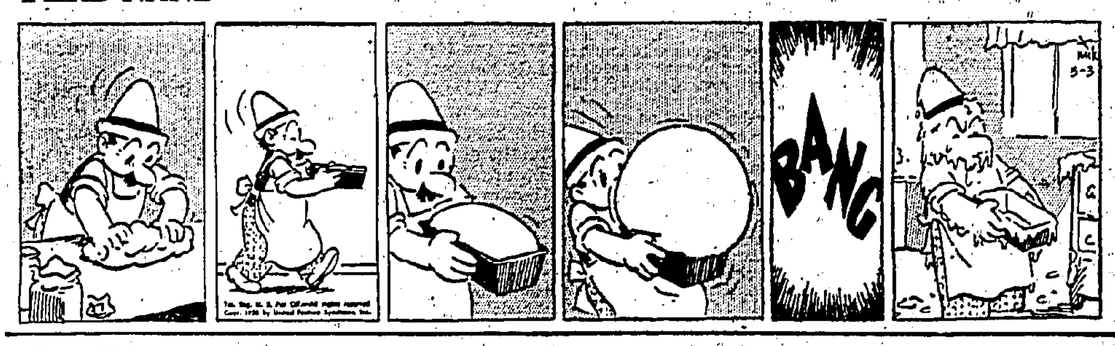

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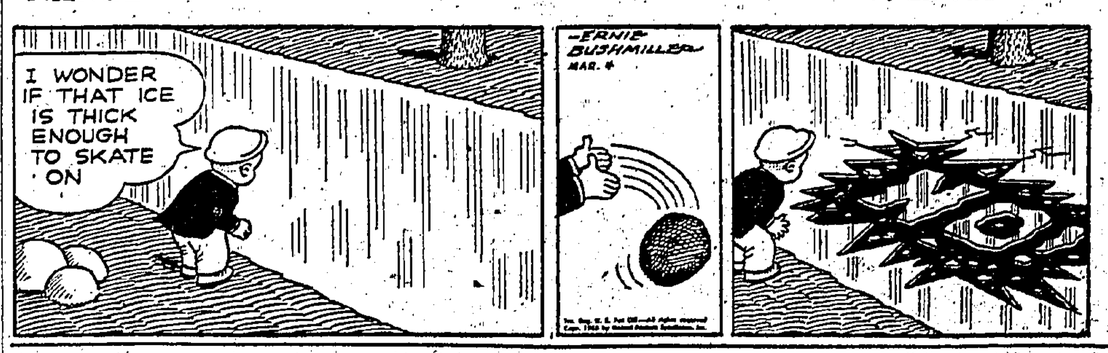

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MARGIN BOOST LEAVES WALL STREET COLD

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 2.

A few special issues changed 2 points or more today while the main body of stocks fluctuated irregularly and narrowly in quiet trading.

Turnover for the session totalled only 2,220,000 shares. Industrial average 0.15 higher and utilities 0.02 higher.

Pabco Products common rose nearly 3 points, its preferred more than 4. These two, with Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton in top spot, made up the day's most active issues.

Zenith climbed 4 points in the televisions while Philco and Magnavox lost around a point each.

CHRYSLERS LOSE

Among the leaders, Bethlehem Steel, John-Manville, Union Carbide rose a point or more. On the other hand, Chrysler turned to a loss of nearly a point and United Aircraft fell nearly 2.

Other aircrafts were mostly lower.

Metals had some good gainers with climax Molybdenum and National Lead up around 2 points.

Oil shares were mixed.

A total 1,199 issues traded, there were 438 higher, 528 lower.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,771,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 730,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	426.30
20 rails	160.67
15 utilities	60.87
65 stocks	160.06
40 bonds	99.85
Comm. future price index	132.48

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alden Inc. Acy	22¾
Allied Chemicals	90¼
Allis Chalmers	78
American Airline	27¼
American Metal	54¾
American Smelting	46½
American Tel & Tel	182¾
American Tobacco "B"	72⅝
Anaconda Copper	59¼
Armco Steel	79¼
Armour	15¾
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	10¾
Baltimore & Ohio	45
Bendix Aviation Corp.	55¼
Benguet Cons.	1¼
Bethlehem Steel	137⅝
Boeing Airplane	65
Canadian Pacific Railway	30¾
Chase National Bank	50½
Chile Copper	47
Chrysler Motors	80¼
Commercial Credit	50¾
Commonwealth Elec.	40¼
Consolidated Edison	50
Continental Steel	90¾
Crane Co.	44¾
Cuban American Sugar	17⅝
Curtis Wright	20½
Dupont de Nemours	187¼
Eastman Kodak	80
General Electric	52½
General Foods	84⅞
General Motors	90½
Gillette Safety Razor	68½
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	65½
International Business Machines	428½
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International Nickel	64⅝
International Paper	104
International Tel & Tel	28⅞
John-Manville Co.	86
Kennecott Copper	106
Lockheed Aircraft	46
Leows Incorp.	20½
Lone Star Cement Co.	60
Minnesota Mining	92
Montgomery Ward	75
National Cash Register "A"	44
National Distillers	20¾
National Lead	69¼
New York Central	41
Otis Elevators	64½
Pacific Gas & Electric	47½
Pacific Western Oil	41½
Pan American Airways	18¾
Philips Petroleum	75¼
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	72¾
Radio Corporation	43½
Reo Motors	15
Republic Steel	85
Shell Oil Co.	61
Sinclair Oil	54⅝
Socony Vacuum	54½
Southern Railway (Com.)	93⅞
Standard Brands	30
Standard Oil of California	79¾
Standard Oil of Indiana	44⅞
Standard Oil of New Jersey	116
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	12⅝
Swift & Co.	52
Texas Co.	96¾
Union Carbide	90½
Union Pacific Railway	175
United Gas, Imp.	72
U.S. Gypsum	259½
U.S. Line Co.	23¼
U.S. Rubber	46¾
United States Smelting	61½
U.S. Steel	86½
Warner Bros.	19⅛
Westinghouse Electric	73
Woolworth	48¼

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, May 2.

Canada	$1.01 7/32
England	2.80
" 30-day futures	2.79 12/32
" 90-day futures	2.78 13/16
Australia	2.24
New Zealand	2.79¼
South Africa	2.80⅜
Belgium	2.80⅜
Switzerland	.01991¼
Uruguay	.2334
India	.2103

The London foreign exchange rates were not received this morning.—United Press.

Market May Be In For Period Of Consolidation

By JOHN MORKA

New York, May 2.

Wall Street took the new boost in margin requirements in stride last week.

Prices eased at the opening on Monday in reaction to some uncertainty about the margin boost, but firmed later, in the day. Prices continued to reflect strength the next day also although some easiness was noted in spots in succeeding sessions.

However, financial experts attributed this latter sell-off to profit-taking after the long rise. There was some disposition among market observers to link the latter-day sell-off to the margin rise.

In fact, many observers here now feel that the market might well be in for a period of consolidation and possibly a further market rise despite some fear that margin rates might ultimately be put on all cash basis.

The boost in the margin was the second in less than two months. Demand for tighter reins on market activity was prompted by a growing concern among legislators and some economists that an unbridled market might get out of hand and bring on an eventual collapse.

IMPORTANT ROLE

Most observers in forecasting a further market rise, point to the prospects of bigger dividends, and wider profit margins as playing an important role in bolstering investor confidence and participation.

Business is now humming at near 100 per cent of capacity for the major lines. And there is not lack of confidence either. How's business? Many ask these days, and nobody seems to be overly worried.

Typical of the new trend in forecasting: A special report by the US News and World Report predicting the best times in history.

Heretofore, most observers confined their cautious forecasts to 1955, and these with some reservations. The US News report therefore appears to have hit a new high in the new preoccupation of predicting what is ahead.

Here is the magazine's analysis of the future:

ALL-TIME HIGH

"Profits are going to close to all-time high."

"This means that dividends to shareholders will soar, too. Record incomes for people and for industry mean well-filled coffers for the Government." But it added, only war or catastrophe can halt the upswing before the middle of 1956. Danger then: overconfidence.

"Businessmen," the magazine said, "are likely to be more apprehensive in 1956 than in any recent years. The reason is that leaders of the Democratic Party have said that, if elected, they will favour policies of taxation and regulations that businessmen usually regard as punitive and harmful to a system of private enterprise. Any development which might frighten businessmen or investors can be upsetting. The prosperity today rests upon an expanding system of private enterprise. The role of Government in this prosperity is shrinking, not expanding. It will shrink more as the months go by."

President Eisenhower last week at his Press conference, said that the Administration experts were keeping a close watch on the economy. He added that no one has spoken to him "in terms of earnest warnings" of a business slump in the second half of this year. The higher margin requirement, he described as a "red flag to the business community."

ELSEWHERE

The American iron and steel industry estimated the week's production at 96.0 per cent of capacity to yield 2,316,000 tons, the best since the peak 2,324,000 tons in the week of March 23, 1953.

According to Iron Age magazine, export demand, already strong, will get stronger. Europe is enjoying an unprecedented boom, is buying every pound the US mills can spare. The two-fold step-up in demand from within and outside the United States for steel, Iron Age said, will probably mean that "sooner or later the mills must refuse orders for a long enough period to bring deliveries into line with promises."

Steel earnings reflect favourably the strong temper of the industry, as the building, auto and appliance industries continue to place new orders. US Steel Corp., No. 1 American producer, enjoyed a 5.1 per cent sale rise in the first quarter, and set a new earnings record, climbing 82.1 per cent about one-year-ago level.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTENED

On the international front prospects brightened that President Eisenhower's foreign economic programme for reduced tariffs might be enacted without substantial or crippling amendments. Congressional leaders in the Senate Finance Committee approved the President's reciprocal trade programme in a form described as acceptable to the Administration.

Meanwhile, the US Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, called attention to the failure of any Congressmen to introduce a bill to eliminate red tape in import evaluations. Although this principle is part of the President's programme, no reform bill has been introduced. The Council therefore urged the President and the Congress to take prompt action in remedying the situation.—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, May 2.

Cotton traders today navigated close to shore while awaiting new developments.

Prices seesawed narrowly but managed to keep just above the previous close most of the time.

The evening-up operations of May contracts, the main trading feature for several weeks, continued to occupy attention. Other traders awaited congressional developments later this week on the issue of rigid against flexible farm price supports.

Three delivery notices against May were taken up by trade interests. Open contracts in the spot month were whittled down to 123,300 bales. Trading there will end in the noon hour on May 12.

Weather and crop news mixed, but leaned more toward the favourable side, traders said. Eastern belt accounts said planting progressed rapidly and neared completion in all sections.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	12,700	163,400
July	28,400	877,800
Oct.	14,300	450,300
Dec.	13,000	450,300
Mar.	5,500	379,200
May	13,800	199,200
July	8,500	200,600
Total	97,200	2,378,400

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.45n
May	33.70
July	33.87
October	33.85
December	33.94
March	33.94-95
May	34.03
July	33.46

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.80
May	33.67
July	33.89
October	33.89-90
December	33.95
March	34.10
May	34.02
July	33.47

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

May/June	31.09
July/Aug.	29.97-98
Oct./Nov.	29.42
Dec./Jan.	29.35
Mar./Apr.	29.27

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	29.50
July	30.70
Oct.	32.78
Dec.	34.25

In the United States the average price of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was 33.71 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 2,630 bales.—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 2.

The tin market was much steadier while other markets were also steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	buyers	sellers
Tin spot	711	711½
3-month	711½	714½
Copper spot	303	307
3-month	295	295½
Lead 1st half May	103	103½
1st half Aug.	103¼	103¾
Zinc 1st half May	88⅝	88⅞
1st half Aug.	87⅝	87¼

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, May 2.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	May	14.27b
	June	14.32b
Tin	May	90.12½b
	June	90.00b
Zinc	May	11.13b
	June	11.15b
Copper	May	36.15b
	June	35.95b

—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 2.

The rubber market was dull and with little inclination to trade. There was some reserved buying interest towards the close. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	90¼-90½
	June	90¼-90½
	July	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	87¼-88¼
No. 3 "	"	86¼-87¼
No. 4 "	"	85-85¼
Spot rubber unbaled		90½-90⅞
Blanket crepe		80-81
No. 1 pale crepe		94½-95½

NEW YORK

Futures today closed 40 to 55 points lower with sales of 54 contracts.

Prices drifted lower with the primary markets in mixed and featureless trade between dealers.

Trader attention was centring more on the International Rubber and Quality and Packing Conference scheduled to get underway here from May 3 to 5.

No. 1 Rss spot were quoted at 31⅛ cents a pound, sellers. Future closings were:

May	30.95
July	30.85
September	30.45
December	30.05
March	29.75
May	29.40

LONDON

The market was quiet. No. 1 Rss spot were quoted at 26⅛ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	26⅛-26⅜
Settlement house term:	
June	26-26-1/5
July/Sept.	25⅞-26
Oct./Dec.	25⅜-25⅝
Jan./Mar.	25¼-25⅜
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
May	26⅛-26½
June	26-26⅛
July	25⅞-26¼
Estate crepe thick May	27⅞
thin	28

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif May as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.58 buyers
No. 2 rubber	2.57 buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.56 buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.72 buyers

—United Press.

US BICYCLE INDUSTRY

Washington, May 2.

Rep. James T. Patterson said today he has appealed to President Eisenhower to "prevent the extinction of the American bicycle industry by boosting tariffs on imports."

President Eisenhower is considering recommendations of the Tariff Commission on bicycle tariffs and must make a decision by May 14. The Commission's recommendations have not been made public.

Mr Patterson said bicycle imports have caused a big increase in unemployment in the Torrington, Connecticut, area.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, May 3.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	30s 6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	30s 3d
Fraser & Neave, Ltd. Ord.	$1.72
Fraser & Neave Ltd., 7½% cum. pref.	$6.60
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$815
Malayan Breweries	$3.77
Raffles Hotel	$2.80
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.75
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$26.00
Straits Trading	$23.80*
Straits Steamship	$14.25
United Engineers Ord.	$11.25
Wearne Bros.	$2.70
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7s 6d
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.95*
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.45
Kempas Ltd.	$1.47
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$1.90
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.32

* ex-div.—China Mail Special.

New York Wooltop Market

New York, May 2.

Wooltops closed today steady 2 higher to 5 points lower. Prices in cents per lb. were:

May	183.2-183.5
July	176.6-176.9
October	172.7-172.4
December	170.9-171.4
March	169.2-169.8
May	167.8-169.8
July	165.2-166.4
October	165.2-166.4
Spot	186.0 nom.

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $1,153,902.70. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1535		236 @ 1540
			15 @ 1540
East Asia	212		
INSURANCES			
Union	1030	1040	9 @ 1040
Lombard	49	50½	825 @ 49.50
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav	78c		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		72	200 @ 72
Dock		24.10	
Provident (O)	11.90	12	2125 @ 11.90
Wheelock	7¼	7.35	1000 @ 7.30
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	17.40		100 @ 17.60
HK Land	66	67	1400 @ 67
			300 @ 66½
Humphreys X Rts		16½	
" Rts	5		1316 @ 5
Realty	2.05		
UTILITIES			
Tram	21.20	21.50	500 @ 21.40
			300 @ 21½
			600 @ 21.40
Star Ferry		137	
Yaumati Ferry	103	108	
C. Light (O) XD	18.40	18½	200 @ 18.60
			2000 @ 18½
			100 @ 18.60
			5396 @ 18½
C. Light (N) XD	14.40	14.60	500 @ 14.00
			1000 @ 14½
Electric	38¼	38½	100 @ 38¾
			600 @ 38¼
			500 @ 38½
			600 @ 38¼
Macao Electric XD	10.80		600 @ 11
Telephone	32	32¼	3000 @ 32¼
			190 @ 32
			200 @ 32¼
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	29.20	29½	400 @ 29.30
			4300 @ 29.40
Rope XD	15.40		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD	20.30	20.60	624 @ 20.40
			471 @ 20.40
			43 @ 20.40
Watson		13.40	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp.	5.70	5.80	
Nanyang		8.90	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6¼	6.30	
Allied	4.90	4.95	1000 @ 4.925

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.82
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.80
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	12.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	27.30
Singapore (Straits)	1.81
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	8.70

Wool Production Up ¾ Per Cent

London, May 2.

World wool production during the 1954-55 season is now estimated provisionally at about 4,450,000,000 lbs., according to the latest figures issued by the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

This estimate is 10,000,000 lbs less than the earlier estimate last September, but is still an increase of ¾ per cent over the revised 1953-54 total of 4,420,000,000 lbs.

Production of merino wool is expected to be 3,488,000,000 lbs or 20,000,000 lbs more than the previous season. Crossbred production should remain unchanged according to the forecasts.

TURKEY LOWER

The estimates for Australia and New Zealand remain virtually unchanged. Production in Turkey proved to be some 6,000,000 lbs lower than was first expected.

The most important revision has been in the United States, where owing to a correction of the factor used for converting raw wool to greasy basis, output is now around 15,000,000 lbs for each season. The 1954-55 estimate has been further increased, owing to an upward revision of the figure for shorn wool production and now stands at 303,000,000 lbs instead of 277,000,000 lbs as originally forecast.

South African output is now put at 295,000,000 lbs, an increase of 10 per cent.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 2.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed 2 points higher to 1 point lower with sales of 25 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to a points higher with sales of 419 contracts.

Trade buying order on balance bolstered the world contract in a generally slow market.

Domestic futures responded to the former trend of the market. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.38
Sept.	3.37
Mar.	3.29
May	3.29
July	3.29
Sept.	—
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.33

Contract No. 6

July	5.52
Sept.	5.51
Nov.	5.62
Mar.	5.37
May	5.42
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	6.35

—United Press.

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NOT GUILTY PLEA TO CONSPIRACY

Paphos, Cyprus, May 2.

Thirteen Greeks and Cypriots pleaded not guilty today to charges of conspiracy to overthrow the government by force.

Their trial began with a small crowd assembling outside the barricaded courthouse, but there was no demonstration.

The Attorney General, Criton Tornaritis, in his opening address recalled that on January 22 a destroyer, alerted by suspicious signals from shore, boarded and searched the Greek caique St George and found aboard a number of cases of dynamite. Police at the same time caught a shore party with cases of pamphlets calling for the violent overthrow of the government.

Mr Tonaritis said there was "no doubt" of conspiracy on the part of the accused, citing their presence aboard the Greek vessel and the declaration of the crew to Greek Customs before sailing to Cyprus that they were merely going on a fishing expedition to the Dodecanese.

He said the police also found a quantity of arms and ammunition in the sea after an extensive search after the arrests.

The trial was expected to last two weeks.—United Press.

THIRD MAN DIES

Laboratory Blast Sequel

Buenos Aires, May 2.

Juan Carlos Troytino, a Police Department chemist, died today of injuries caused by the explosion of a home-made bomb under examination at the police laboratory.

Troytino was the third fatality resulting from the blast. Miguel Zapico, a chemical student working part time for the police, died on Saturday.

Roberto Garmendi, police foreman, was killed at the scene.

The bomb was found on Tuesday night in a balcony of the building occupied by the pro-government General University Students Confederation (OGU).

Before Troytino and Zapico died, an editorial in Democracia, chief Peronist newspaper, blamed Garmendi's death on the Roman Catholic clergy.

Democracia said in a front page double banner today: "If the people decide they must go, they shall go." It was referring to President Peron's May Day statement that the people must decide whether the Catholic Church "must go" if there were to be a separation of Church and State in Argentina.

CGT ANNOUNCEMENT

The government sponsored General Labour Confederation (CGT) announced in other May Day addresses that its representatives in Congress would ask for a constitutional amendment separating Church and State.

In another development, the Superior Council on the Peronist Party announced that it would issue a manifesto backing the CGT demand for separation of spiritual and temporal powers.

The Council said the Party's manifesto would "fix the Party's position as one of absolute solidarity with the wishes of the people in the clerical problem".

Two additional Roman Catholic priests were arrested in the Argentine interior. They were Vicar Miguel Fox of Alberti, Buenos Aires province, charged with disrespect of government authorities, and the Rev. Carmelo Buno, a parish priest in Las Higueras.—United Press.

Queen In An Impromptu Horse Race

London, May 2.

Princess Margaret beat her sister, the Queen, by three lengths in a private impromptu horse race last week.

Reporting the race yesterday, the newspaper Sunday Dispatch said a group of workmen watched the two sisters gallop along the Ascot race course close to Windsor Castle, one of the Queen's favourite homes near London.

One of the workmen said that the Queen and the Princess entered the course from the grounds of Windsor Castle followed by a riding master.

"Just as they got to the three-furlong mark I saw Princess Margaret turn towards the Queen. In the next second they were off at full gallop.

"The riding master was left behind as they galloped neck and neck up the straight.

"It was a dingdong battle but with about 30 yards to go Princess Margaret's horse went to the front and won by three lengths.

"It may have been because she had a bigger horse but they both rode beautifully. I am sure they could give a few jockeys some valuable tips.

"They were laughing as they pulled up after the race and then trotted out the way they had come."—China Mail Special.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Don't you have any murder stories where the detective uses polished English like Sherlock Holmes used to do?"

Judge Sums Up In Dr Ng Re-Trial

The assertion that there was a wealth of uncorroborated evidence in the case was made by Mr Justice James Wicks this morning in his summing-up to the Jury at the re-trial of Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 50-year-old medical practitioner charged with rape.

The summing-up began at 10 a.m. and ended at 11.34 a.m., when the Jury retired to deliberate.

Dr Ng was charged with raping Tam Shun, 25-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road on August 28 last year.

He was represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva. The Prosecution was conducted by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel. Detective Inspector W. Watson was present for the Police.

His Lordship told the Jury that they must give their verdict according to the evidence, and it was not for them to theorise on matters not before the Court. They were the sole judges of fact and were entitled to disregard any view he himself expressed as to facts.

It was for the Prosecution, His Lordship continued, to prove accused was guilty, not for accused to prove his innocence. The burden of proof is never on the accused.

MAIN ELEMENTS

Dealing with the charge, he said there were two main elements: firstly, was there carnal knowledge, and secondly, was there consent? The allegations in the present case was that there was a rape by fraud by a doctor.

Mr Justice Wicks went on to deal with the evidence of Tam Shun. He told the Jury it was entirely a matter for them whether or not to believe her. But, he added, he must warn them on a particular point.

He said it was dangerous to convict on uncorroborated evidence, though it was within the Jury's province to do so.

After giving the legal definition of corroboration, His Lordship said there was a wealth of uncorroborated evidence in this case.

The Crown's case, he went on, was that Tam Shun was led to believe she was having a medical examination. Tam Shun was in the witness box for four days, three of which was spent in cross-examination.

In considering the aspects of cross-examination, the Jury should ask themselves if they could reasonably believe that complainant, a woman of 25, had no knowledge of sex.

ALLEGED DRUGGING

As regards the alleged drugging, His Lordship said it was up to the Jury to make up their minds as to what part it played. It was the Prosecution's case that the drug played a part throughout.

Regarding the extracts of the answers given by Tam Shun at the Magistracy produced by the Defence for the purpose of comparison to her answers at the present trial, Mr Justice Wicks said he would make no comments on these statements and would leave them entirely for the Jury's consideration.

His Lordship told the Jury they had heard the medical evidence on carnal knowledge, and if they were satisfied this took place, then they must consider the question of consent. It rested on the Crown to prove the girl did not consent, and he would again warn the Jury on the question of corroboration on this point.

Accused, he went on, denied he was lying when he said Tam Shun showed signs of arousement in the course of his medical examination. The nurse had said she saw nothing unusual taking place during the examination. In this respect, His Lordship stated, Tam Shun's evidence was corroborated.

WOMAN'S DENIAL

Tam Shun had denied having been aroused, that she caused accused to have intercouse with her and that she consented to it.

It seemed from the evidence that the nurse at no time saw any arousement of Tam Shun, while she was in the consulting room, Mr Justice Wicks said.

He went on to state that the Jury, if they wished, could consider the matter from the point of view of inconsistency.

As to whether or not accused told a lie or lies was a matter for the Jury. They had to look at the whole circumstances of the case. If accused gave an explanation of why he had lied in his statements, then the Jury should consider those explanations in the light of the circumstances.

Golf Course Invaded By Detectives

London, May 2.

Sunday morning golfers arrived at the Potters Bar course north of London to find detectives searching the 17th tee for murder clues.

Mrs Elizabeth Currell, 46-year-old housewife, was battered to death on the green on Friday evening. Her body was found yesterday. Near it lay a blood-stained tee-iron—a metal plate with a spoke bearing the words "17th hole, 385 yards. Bogey 4."

When the first golfers arrived this morning the tee was hidden from view by canvas awnings but police removed this and allowed play to go on.

In nearby residential districts police went from house to house trying to discover the killer.

Mrs Currell took her terrier dog, Tina, for its usual evening walk on Friday. When Tina returned alone, howling and scratching at the front door, Mrs Currell's husband grew anxious and informed the police.

They started to search the course shortly before midnight and discovered the body at dawn.

Four hundred yards from the 17th tee is a pond where the dismembered remains of a 45-year-old man were found seven years ago. His murderer was never caught.—China Mail Special.

39 Deaths In Earthquake

Tokyo, May 3.

Radio Peking said today that 39 persons were killed and 142 injured in a two-minute earthquake that hit the plateau city of Kangting on April 14.

The broadcast said that relief and restoration work has brought the city back to normal, but that some schools are still carrying on temporarily in Yaan, capital city of Sikang Province.

Kangting is on the Sikang-Tibet plateau northeast of Chungking.—United Press.

6 Weeks To Pay $2,000 Fine

Lam Yuen-yung, of 582, Queen's Road West, second floor, summonsed before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for default in payment of personal assessment tax, was given six weeks to pay the fine of $2,000.

Mr R. J. Hardy, appearing for the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, said that the tax in default and the late payment penalty amounted to $2,530.77.

Attack On HK Boat, Report

A Hongkong cargo vessel was reported to have been machine-gunned near Lap Sap Mui islands on Sunday night, causing injuries to a member of the crew, said a Macao report today.

The report said a Communist gunboat fired on the vessel which was carrying a load of cargo from Cheung Chau.

The injured man, Li Wah, 35, was taken to a hospital in Macao, the report added.

DAMAGE CLAIM: WITNESS IS CROSS-EXAMINED

A suggestion by Defence Counsel that one of plaintiffs' lighters was sunk through being struck by another of its sister lighters was denied by Mr R. J. Taylor during cross-examination this morning, when hearing of a claim by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. against Wang Kee and Co., merchants and stevedores, for damages amounting to $70,533.15 continued before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court.

The claim arose from the sinking of four of plaintiffs' lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of the defendants.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. A. Wadeson, of Messrs Deacons, are appearing for plaintiffs, while defendants are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Leslie Wright and Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo.

Mr McNeill this morning continued his cross-examination of Mr R. J. Taylor, Assistant Wharf Superintendent of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

Asked if he knew what No. 5 typhoon signal meant, witness said it indicated winds of gale force expected from the north-west quadrant.

Counsel then asked witness why he had placed plaintiffs' lighters in a position between the bows of the Nellore, lying at Wharf No. 3 North, and the Praya wall where there was no shelter from the northwest winds. Witness replied this was the best possible place he could find at that time, as the Nellore afforded some protection, and the lighters were securely moored. He added that the worst of the weather on the morning of September 2, 1953, was experienced between 5.30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Questioned about the plaintiffs' launches, witness said the Company owned seven. Three were in use that day, two were laid up and two were under repair. Asked why he had not moved the lighters to Yaumati typhoon shelter, witness replied he was more anxious about lighters at Lai-chikok, and had sent launches to take lighters there to the typhoon shelter. He agreed that Counsel was substantially correct in saying that witness did not instruct any launches to remove any lighters from the north side of any of the Company's wharves.

NOT DIFFICULT

Mr McNeill: Was it because it was difficult to remove lighters from the north side, which is the weather side, of these compartments?

Witness: No.

That is what I am suggesting to you.—That is definitely not my opinion.

Asked if he saw any of his instructions carried out in fact, witness said he saw lighters being towed from Wharf No. 2 South. He did not actually see any other lighters being moved.

Witness agreed he had said he saw two of defendants' lighters moored alongside the Nellore. Counsel suggested there was a third lighter there but witness said he did not see it.

In the bay where the ss Citos was lying, witness saw three of defendants' lighters alongside that ship, but did not notice any junk there. He also saw a China Provident lighter lying to the aft of the Citos.

Mr McNeill: I suggest the way in which No. 72 (one of plaintiffs' lighters) was this: No. 22 was moored by the port bow of the Nellore and through the upswell, as it were, of very heavy seas, she came down on No. 72.

Witness: I never saw that happen.

NO COLLISION SEEN

Did you spend most of your time in the office of the Company, keeping out of the wet?—Not on that night.

I put it to you this collision between 22 and 72 occurred before the Dolley (defendants' lighter) broke loose from her moorings.—I did not see any collision between these two lighters.

Asked if he saw Dolley being towed towards the Praya end of No. 4 Wharf South, witness said he saw the lighter being towed in that direction.

Mr McNeill put it to witness that plaintiffs' preliminary act stated as a fact that immediately Dolley struck 22, attempts were made to get a line aboard her and ultimately this was done about 7.30 a.m. on September 2, and the lighter was hauled along to the south side of Wharf No. 4. Witness agreed this was what had taken place.

Mr McNeill: I put it to you this was not done at all.

Witness: I saw it.

Witness said that while he was on duty, Capt. Ingledew, the No. 2 Wharf Superintendent, was on the scene and it was Capt. Ingledew who jumped aboard the Dolley. Plaintiffs' five lighters moored under the bow of the Nellore were roped together bow and stern.

Witness agreed that three of plaintiffs' lighters were originally alongside the Nellore and he gave instructions for them to be moved up to the Praya. He did not see his instructions being carried out as he had many other duties to attend to. During a typhoon the godowns were kept open and coolies stood by to remove cargo in case the roofs leaked.

The five lighters, said witness, contained cargo for reshipment and they would have been required immediately a ship commenced working cargo again.

ONE REASON

Mr McNeill: You seriously say that was a good reason for not removing them to a typhoon shelter with a typhoon pending?

Witness: That was one of the reasons.

Asked if he knew when cargo working on the ships at the wharves stopped, witness said work on the Nellore stopped at midnight and on the Citos at 2.30 a.m.

Regarding the state of the weather between midnight, when he came on duty, and 2.30 a.m., witness said he did not notice any appreciable change.

Mr McNill: The Royal Observatory says the wind force at midnight was 10 knots and at 2.30 a.m. it was 22 knots. You say there was no appreciable change? What I am suggesting to you is that you did not notice anything at all: that your powers of observation are not very good.

Witness agreed that according to the figures there was a change in conditions.

He also agreed there was a very confused sea at 5.30 a.m.

Mr McNeill: I suggest to you the only collision between any lighter of the plaintiffs and the Dolley was with No. 22.

Witness: No.

And that no collision at all took place between Karley (another of defendants' lighters) and either Nos. 42 or 61 (plaintiffs' lighters).—I saw the collision.

The hearing is proceeding.

False Report Of Theft

Because of ill-feeling between she and her husband's concubine, Cheng Tsat, 49-year-old married woman, of 14 Temple Street, ground floor, reported to the Police on Monday that she had lost a handbag containing $120.

She accused Fung Mui, her husband's concubine, of having stolen the money from a drawer in her room.

Police wasted 10 hours finding out the truth. At the end of an investigation Cheng Tsat admitted that the report she made was not true.

She came before Mr T. Creedon this morning charged with making a false report and was fined $120 which was the amount she had reported as being "stolen."

Polio In Chicago

Chicago, May 2.

City officials said today that Chicago had 15 cases of polio, the most for the date in the last 15 years.

Officials said none of this year's cases had received Salk anti-polio shots.—United Press.

Off To Australia

London, May 2.

Sir John Barbirolli, conductor of the Halle orchestra, flew out of London airport early today for a nine-week visit to Australia.

He will tour all the main cities, giving 20 concerts in all.

Sir John, who is 55, was accompanied on the flight by his wife.—China Mail Special.

STUDENTS RETURN TO RED CHINA

The first three of 76 Chinese science students recently granted permission by the United States Government to return to China arrived here in the ss President Wilson from San Francisco this morning.

The students, whose technical knowledge of nuclear physics was the cause of their detention in the United States since the Korean war, crossed the border into China shortly after noon today.

The students were Alexander Wang, 34, Chang Chia-hua 38, and Huang Pao-tung, 33, and his wife Edith Tse-lien Huang, 34.

UNDER GUARD

The students arrived with 27 other Chinese repatriates from the United States. They disembarked in Kowloon Bay and were taken to the railway station where they were kept under guard until they left by the 11.25 a.m. train for Lowu. Press representatives were not allowed to approach them.

These 76 students were the only ones of the many who studied in the United States who had indicated their desire to return to China after the start of the Korean war. They were not allowed to leave the country because of the technical knowledge they gained in American colleges and universities.

The American Government decided to allow them to leave the United States early last month when the case of the detained American fliers in China was the subject of negotiations by the United Nations Secretary General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, and Chinese authorities concerned.

Visit Orient To See Son

Mr J. Harry Jones, a veteran American newspaperman who has been on the editorial staff of the Kansas City Star for the last 35 years, was among the cruise passengers who arrived here in the ss President Wilson from San Francisco this morning.

Mr Jones is accompanied by his wife, and they have come to the Orient especially to see their son, Lieut. J. Harry Jones Jr, who is at present with the staff of the US Navy paper in Japan. Lt. Jones Jr, who accompanied his parents to Hongkong, is also on the editorial staff of the Kansas City Star but is now on leave of absence.

Mr and Mrs Jones will return to Tokyo to spend three weeks with their son before returning to Kansas City.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 p.m., Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, BBC Bandstand, National Youth Brass Band cond. by Denis Wright (BBCTS); 6.30, First Hearing presented by Alex Borris (Studio); 7, Students Guide. A Series of British Council Talks, designed to help the Overseas Students, read by Janet Tomblin. No. 3 (Studio); 7.10, Sundown Serenade; 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise, Presentation de M. Laversanne Extrait de "Jeanne au bucher" Honegger (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Britain sings. Leeds Guild of Singers (BBCTS); 8.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 9, Time Signal. Record Review presented by John MacLean (Spanish Music) (Recorded); 9.30, Motoring Magazine. A Monthly Magazine. Edited and Introduced by Timothy Birch (Recorded); 10, Ray Martin and his Orchestra (with vocal); 10.15, At the Ballet. "Snegourotchka" (Tchaikovsky, Op. 12); All-Union Radio Sym. Orch. and Chorus cond. by Alexander Gauk; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

In a portion of last week's issue, the term births was improperly used for children, in the following passage,—"The census returns shew the male and female births (children) to be in the proportion of 6,220 to 4,320." The mistake was corrected after the copies for Hongkong and Canton, but before those for Shanghai and places out of China, were printed,—a fact of no great consequence in itself, nor to our readers generally, and worthy of notice chiefly because the Register has made it the theme for a column of rather ponderous discussion, built upon the slender foundation of an oversight, which, were our contemporary as sharp-sighted as he is profound, ought to have appeared to himself evident.

RICE SHORTAGE

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—During the present and probable scarcity of rice, can you tell me what efforts are being made by our government to provide food for its tens of thousands of inhabitants, dependent as they are, and always have been, upon imported supplies. Is H.E. Sir James Stirling, &c., &c., aware that the daily consumption of rice in the Colony ranges from 1,000 @ 1,500 piculs? Is he aware that there is a fleet of grain junks with an estimated aggregate to 200,000 piculs of rice within a short distance westward, but unable to move, owing to a large fleet of pirates, who are blockading them? If he is aware of these facts, can he reconcile his inaction with a sense of duty?

It may be that his mind is fully occupied by the prospect of ratifying his treaty with Japan: the progress of the season forbids any idea that he intends to co-operate with the Pacific fleet in an attack upon the Russians. Presuming such to be the case, is it not pitiable to see material interests sacrificed to shadowy prospects of trade under such an impracticable treaty? It is just possible that he clings to an insane idea of a rebel blockade of the coast, and is therefore willing to sacrifice the interest and risk the tranquillity of a British Colony from a perverted notion of consistency.

Apart from the relief to suffering humanity which the free ingress of food would give, our trade, which is daily languishing, would experience revival, as doubtless a portion of the large amount which would be realized by the sale of the rice would be invested in imports.—I am, &c.,

AGER.

P.S. — Have any accounts reached you of a fleet of Pirates blockading the eastern entrance to Hongkong? I understand that some of the lorchas with salved Tea from the "Lying Age" were attacked and plundered on their return from the Pratas Shoal.

UNJUSTLY BLAMED

Admiral Stirling, we believe, is unjustly blamed for indifference and want of energy on the present occasion; for we are told that as soon as he was made aware that a fleet of rice junks was lying at anchor in a bay a short distance down the West Coast, deterred by pirates from proceeding to their destination, he proposed to send the Comus, provided a steamer were hired to tow her. Upon this being known, the Chinese offered to charter the Sir Charles Forbes for a large sum; and we understand the arrangement has been made, with one important improvement, that an American merchant proposes to charter another steamer at his own risk to accompany the expedition.

PROMISE WITHDRAWN

P.S.—Since writing the above, we learn that Admiral Stirling has withdrawn his promise to send the Comus. Such vacillation, with the large interests at stake, is incomprehensible.

We are informed, on credible authority, that from four to six persons die daily in the Lower Bazaar from a kind of delirious fever brought on by want. In Hongkong, the price of rice at the commencement of the year was $1.80, but now it is $4.50 @ $4.80. In the neighbouring province of Kwang-tung, the people are reported to be dying in large numbers from starvation.

It is quite true, as Ager says in his postscript, that the entrance to the harbour by the north-east is blockaded by pirates (ex-patriots) and the Admiral does not seem inclined to do anything towards clearing the passage. Not only was one of the lorchas plundered, but market-boats and traders are captured daily, and their crews murdered; nor do we see the slightest chance of any improvement, unless the local government purchase and man an armed steamer of their own, perfectly independent of the Navy, and ready to start at a moment's warning in any direction where pirates are reported to be cruising.

A small fire broke out at 35 Peking Road, first floor, this morning and was quickly put out by an employee. A curtain was the only thing damaged.

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